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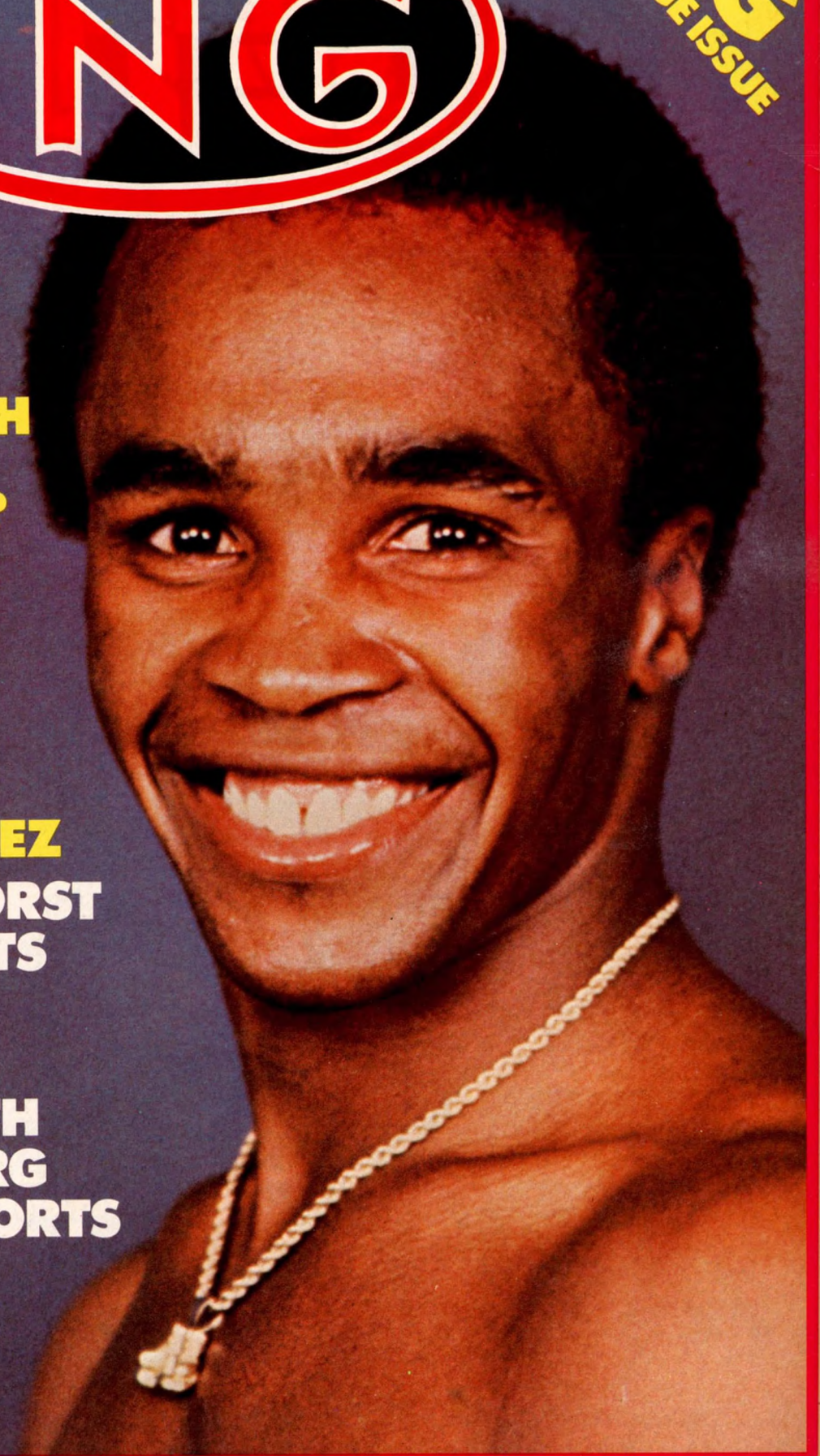

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RINGSIDE

In a moment of total candor, the managing editor of one of *Ring's* erstwhile competitors admitted, "With Ali gone, we won't have anyone to put on the cover any more. He was a guaranteed sale."

Ali so dominated the boxing scene and the boxing fan's fancy that all a magazine had to do for a quick sale was put his picture on the cover. Forget that more than occassionally no story went with the cover. Just Ali was enough. Even *Ring* occassionally fell into the same trap.

But with Ali's retirement, the days of such instant covers are over. It won't be a constant diet of Ali, Ali and more Ali. Instead it will mean that boxing magazines, *Ring* included, will have to feature on their covers those boxing personalities who deserve to be there on merit alone; not on their reputations.

However, there is another side to the coin. With the most charasmatic figure in the last two decades gone, boxing's lower weight classes will once again share the center ring with the heavyweights. And it means that a vacuum exists for yet another charismatic boxer, one who can follow Ali's long running act.

Despite the fact that Ali had often said "boxing will die when I retire," it will prosper, ironically, because many boxers whose light was hidden under his singular-directed glare will now have a chance to gain the spotlight. Foremost among that new crop of fighters is Sugar Ray Leonard, boxing's new superstar — and, not incidentally, our cover for the November issue, the first time he has graced *Ring's* cover.

To give proper balance to the upcoming Leonard-Benitez fight, we also have a rather startling piece by Papa Benitez on his son's chances.

And, to further give balance to the issue, we have included pieces on such old-timers as Willie Pep and Chico Vejar.

We also know you will welcome to the pages of *The Ring* for the first time such well-known journalists as Red Smith, Bill Heinz, Jerry Izenberg and Jose Torres, together with such old-favorites as Don Sauer and Charlie McGill.

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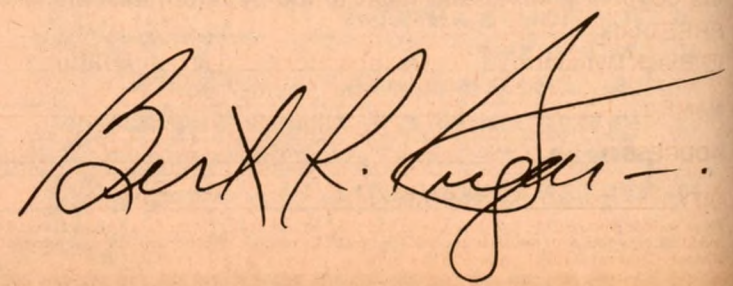

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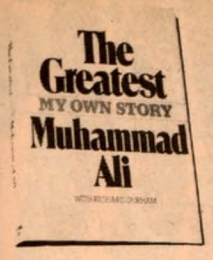

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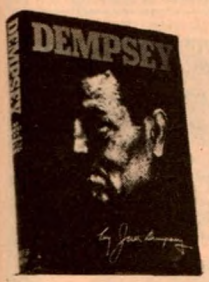

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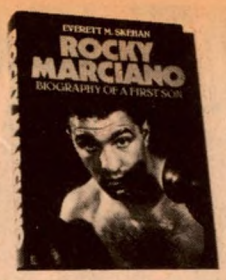

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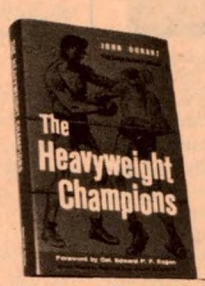

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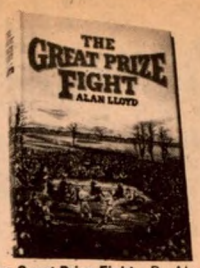

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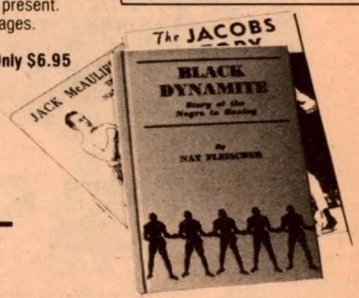

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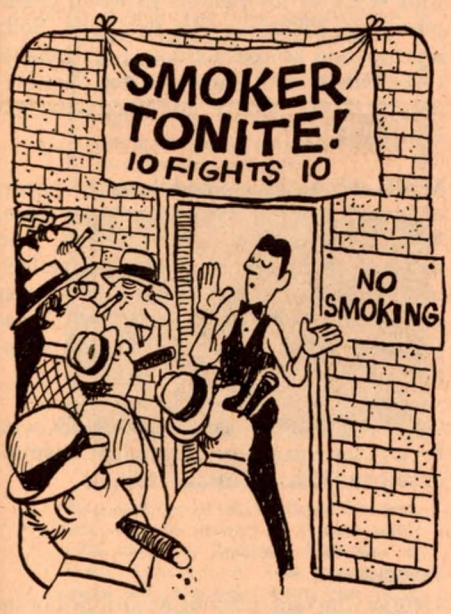
Once the Houston Astrodome seriously challenged Madison Square Garden as the mecca for big fights. The Ali-Williams, Ali-Ellis and Ali-Mathis bouts were all staged in the indoor arena that proudly calls itself "The Eighth Wonder of the World." In fact, the largest indoor boxing crowd of all time was the 35,460 at the Ali-Williams fight on November 14, 1966.

But all that may be behind it now, for a proposed ordinance implicitly calls for the elimination of smoking at all sporting events in the Astrodome — including boxing bouts. Forget that all fights were once known as "Smokers." Or that such a bill would make all smokers in the huge amphitheatre second-class citizens, something



that boxing has all but eliminated. What it means is that writers and announcers such as Ring Lardner, Hype Igoe, Al Buck, Damon Runyon, Jimmy Cannon, Jimmie Jennings, Howard Cosell, Heywood Broun, and Sam Taub among hundreds of others who are and were smokers couldn't cover fights at the Astrodome.

Maybe they should just hold the fights in an elevator where anti-smoking laws make sense. Or in a phone booth, for all the press coverage they'd receive.

NO LOVE STORY THIS

Lou Nova would like to forgive and forget. He would like to, but he can't.

Nova, the former heavyweight contender who now lives in Las Vegas and works as a standup comic, cannot look back and laugh at the colorful life of the late "Two Ton" Tony Galento. He will deliver no eulogy for Galento.

Just after the famous 1939 bout in which he decked champ Joe Louis but wound up getting knocked out, Galento and Nova fought in Philadelphia. It was one of the roughest fights ever seen in Philly — or anywhere, for that matter — and the roly-poly Galento won by KO in the 14th round.

"I hate to say it," Nova says, "But he must've been a crummy character. The worst thing is for a person to go into a fight with the intention of illegally injuring someone. He tried to put my eyes out all night. He must've been mentally low. Everything he did was deliberate and illegal — he butted me, thumbed me and elbowed me. I spent a week in the hospital. They took me away in an ambulance, I was semi-conscious and between life and death for a week. I wore an eye patch for weeks."

Nova is convinced that referee Honest George Blake, imported from California to make sure the Marquis of Queensbury's etiquette was observed, had some reason for never admonishing Galento. But Nova's bitterness is directed toward Galento.

"I saw him a few times after our fight," Nova recalled. "But I'd never shake his hand. He'd say, 'Lou, can't we be friends?' I was the emcee for a big charity affair in Jersey one night a few years back and, I didn't know it, but he was there and I had to introduce him. He came up, extended his hand and I walked right by him in front of 2,000 people."

Nova never forgave Galento. And he'll never forget the man he says tried to blind him.

A LEFT-HANDED COMPLIMENT

Touching moments in boxing history dept: Hustling promoter-matchmaker Don Elbaum set up Sugar Ray Robinson's last fight in 1964. After the Sugarman lost a 10-round decision to Joey Archer in Pittsburgh, there was a testimonial dinner for the great one. Robinson, not Elbaum.

In honor of his retirement, people presented various gifts to Ray. Elbaum found himself "Tapioca," but still he had to come up with a gift.

That 110-watt bulb in his head lit up. Elbaum stood up and silenced the gathering.

"Ray, don't ask me how I did it," he said seriously. "Don't ask me about the trouble and the expense I went to. But I've got a special gift. I've got the gloves you wore in your first professional fight."

The house lights went down and Elbaum ducked out a side door. He reached into the trunk of his car, grabbed two gloves and ran back inside. Up go the lights as Robinson and his wife, touched by the present, dissolve into tears.

As he handed the gloves to Ray, Elbaum noticed his mistake — both gloves were left-handed.

Well, it's the thought that counts!

THE LITERARY LIFE

It seems that everyone in boxing has realized the power of the pen. Or, perhaps the terror of the typewriter. Among the fight figures currently working on books are Gil Clancy and Teddy Brenner.

Brenner, the long-time matchmaker at Madison Square Garden, is working with the veteran Barney Nagler. Brenner's memoirs, which figure to sting a few people, will be titled "Only The Ring Was Square." Look for that tome from Prentice-Hall in the spring.

Who'll play Brenner if someone waits to do a move?

"Paddy Flood," Brenner cracked.

Clancy's blarney will be co-written by Chicago editor Al Bernstein. No working title as yet but, with his background, there must be plenty of material.

Also heading for the book shelves will be a fiction effort by Sports Illustrated's Pat Putnam.

Can the vainglorious Don King be far behind? It's too bad for D.K., that "King of Kings" has already been used. And he can't use "All The King's Men" either.

KNOETZE'S DAMAGES

The seventeen-year-old black youth whose leg was amputated after he was shot by Kallie Knoetze — then a policeman — has been awarded $36,000 in damages.

Standley Ndlovu was shot through both legs by Knoetze, now a top-ranked heavyweight, on Oct. 17, 1977. Knoetze later retired from the police force after being accused of tampering with witnesses in another case.

The shooting was cited by American civil rights groups when they tried unsuccessfully to block Knoetze from boxing in the United States last February.

BOXING SHORTS

Two years ago, when New York's Channel 13 auctioned off a pair of boxing trunks used by Sylvester Stallone in "Rocky," they brought in almost $75 for the station. Boxing memorabilia had become big business.

But there was more to the story than that. For the donor of the trunks was not Sylvester himself, but his brother Frank, the lyricist for the Academy Award Nominated score for the picture. Frank is, himself, a collector of boxing items, numbering in his collection several old fight posters and almost the entire contents of Jack Callahan's Bar that once stood in downtown Philly.

So what's another pair of trunks — more or less — to a man whose collection includes the contents of an old fight hangout?

NEW JERSEY — A CUT ABOVE THE OTHERS

Following the Matthew Saad Muhammad-John Conteh fight, New Jersey Boxing Commissioner Jersey Joe Walcott issued a terse statement temporarily suspending the licenses of Saad Muhammad's two cornermen, Nicholas Belfiore and Adolf Ritacco for "applying foreign substances" to the champion's eye.

But that's only part of the story. What about the Official Ring Physician? Or more accurately, the Official Ring Physicians? For the doctor who visited the corner of Saad Muhammad between rounds, including the one-minute rest period between the ninth and tenth rounds, was *not* the same doctor who visited it thereafter when a crucial decision had to be made whether to stop the fight because of the two cuts — above and below Saad's eye. In fact, according to reliable ringside sources, he was not even a physician, but instead a member of the New Jersey Boxing Commission.

And so it seems that Walcott's statement concerning "the continued safety of all fighters" must be taken with more than a little bit of salt, some of which may have been rubbed into Saad's wounds.

ONE LEG UP ON THE CHAMPS

Reg Gutteridge, the respected British fight columnist, is a man who can say he "beat" both Liston and Ali.

One day in London, Gutteridge, Liston and promoter Mickey Duff were sitting around making idle chatter. Somehow, the conversation turned to body hair and Duff bet Liston, who had little hair on his body, that the then-champ had more hair on one of his legs than Gutteridge did.

Liston took the five pound wager and Gutteridge rolled up his pant leg. The Big Ugly Bear then saw the wooden leg Gutteridge had as a souvenir from World War II.

When Ali was in England, he was bragging about how tough he was. Gutteridge said he was tougher.

"You must be crazy, man," Ali said.

Imagine Muhammad's shock when Gutteridge took a knife and stuck it into his leg.

THE CURSE OF AUGUST 1ST

Among the many pseudo-sciences that have come of age recently, one of the most relied upon has been Biorhythms. Airline pilots, insurance actuaries and long-haul truck drivers have used them to pinpoint days when their three rhythmetic charts all converge on "critical." Perhaps boxer Andy Ganigan should have done the same.

But he doesn't need a chart, all he needs is a calendar; one marked August 1st. On August 1, 1978, Ganigan, then ranked number one among the world lightweight contenders, was knocked out by Johnny Lira for his first loss.

Ganigan began rebuilding his career after that loss, heading for a showdown with WBC champion Jim Watt. As a tuneup for the Watt fight, he took another fight with Robert Vasquez. The date? August 1, 1979. (Although the fight took place the night of July 31 in Hawaii, it was August 1 for the Continental United States.)

Maybe, as Joe Jacobs once ineloquently expressed it, Ganigan "should have stood in bed" on the first day of the eighth month.

ESPANA'S LOSS

While Ernesto Espana was occupied defending his WBA lightweight championship against Johnny Lira, earning some $90,000, the lock on the door of his hotel room at Chicago's Conrad Hilton Hotel was picked. Espana won the fight, keeping the championship belt, but lost the rest of his jewelry, estimated at over $1,000.

DOWN FOR THE COUNT

WILLIE KETCHUM, 75 veteran manager, of a heart attack in Los Angeles. Ketchum, who managed for almost half-a-century, took seven of his fighters to world championships: Middleweights Ben Jeby, Solly Krieger, and Marcel Cerdan, Lightweights Lew Jenkins and Jimmy Carter, Featherweight Davey Moore and Bantamweight Lou Salica.

MIKE WYANT, 29, middleweight boxer, of gunshot wounds in Hamilton, Ohio. Wyant, possessor of a 12-1 record, who had once told a reporter "I've got the feeling if I don't get out of this town, I'll either get killed or kill somebody myself," was shot and killed outside a Hamilton shopping center.

GASPER "BABY SAL" SORIO, 69, who fought for the junior lightweight championship in 1929, in Chicago, Illinois.

PUNCHLINES

George Chuvalo, after being stripped of his Canadian heavyweight championship, "I am the best heavyweight fighter in Canada and I'll be the best until I'm dead seven years."

Scott LeDoux, after a reporter, mixing his metaphors, asked him what happened in "the eighth inning" of his fight with Ken Norton. "In the eighth inning I said, 'Call for a reliever, because this guy's done.' "

— Mike Marley

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I watched Matthew Franklin's exciting triumph over Marvin Johnson. He is a superb fighter. The next day I read with disgust Franklin's plan to join the nation of Islam and change his name to Matthew Saad Muhammad. Changing his name didn't bother me as much as joining the nation of Islam!

The new champion will now allow his boxing skills to be exploited and used by a bunch of lunatics whose repertoire of black magic includes race hatred. I suppose in a few years we'll be hearing about bogus assassination attempts on this great black champion as he prepares to do battle with perhaps Mike Rossman — who is both white and Jewish.

Dick Templeton
New Mexico

ALI GREATEST? HARDLY, SAYS WRITER

It's about time somebody called Ali a bum, which he is. Ali has fought for the title approximately the same number of times as Joe Louis (a few less as a matter of fact). Big deal!

Of Louis' 27 title fights, four went the distance. Louis was the complete fighter. He had all the skills and could dish it out as well as take it. Ali can't. Ali has fought for the title twenty-four times; eleven of those fights have gone the distance. Call him the fifteenth-round kid, if you will. The jerk gets by on sympathy!

Anthony Beckel
Eastville, Virginia

SUPPORTS RIGHT TO FIGHT

What does Reverend Jackson find so horrifying about Knoetze, or for that matter, *Ring* magazine? I'm afraid that I fail to understand why Jesse Jackson expects me, as an American citizen, to have to watch people like Sonny Liston and Ron Lyle fight, but then protests against Knoetze having the same God-given right to earn a living.

Laird Sasser
Springfield, Missouri

AN OPEN LETTER TO GEORGE FOREMAN

Dear George,

This is a plea for you to return to the ring. With the retirements of Frazier, Ali, and Norton, the number of quality heavyweights is rapidly becoming depleted. At thirty, you are still young.

Who could stand in your way on a comeback march to the crown? The still amateurish, barely 200-pound Leon Spinks? Doubtful. The South Africans, Knoetze and Coetzee? No way. You could out-muscle John Tate, and Duane Bobick is a joke. The only man who can really challenge you is present title-holder Larry Holmes. I believe if you could catch Holmes, he too would crumble.

So why not return, George? Please do something for boxing, and for me personally. I am tired of watching people like Alfredo Evangelista challenge for the most prestigious title in all of boxing.

Raymond P. Fisher
Sacramento, Calif.

HELP OR HINDERANCE

Boxing is suffering from what can be explained in six letters: the WBA and WBC. The World Boxing Association and the World Boxing Council are the sport's two major governing bodies and both are run by a bunch of Latin Americans. Their offices are based in Latin America. All these so-called organizations agree on is arguing with each other and telling all of the boxing fans to literally "go to hell."

Nick Maltese
Warren, Michigan

MANUEL ORTIZ REMEMBERED

A few months ago, you did a feature article on Latin American boxers and completely overlooked Manuel Ortiz, the former bantamweight champion of the world. Manuel Ortiz was a Mexican-American who fought between 1937 and 1955. He was a boxer-puncher who fought all comers. Many of his losses were to featherweights and lightweights, as Ortiz didn't concern himself with the weight of his opponents. In his own weight class, he was almost unbeatable. He defended his bantamweight title eighteen times. He never backed away from anyone. Unfortunately, Ortiz has been forgotten by almost everyone and I think he deserves recognition.

James E. Baiz
Mexico

THE "NEW" RING

Your first issue was great—old *Ring* logo and all. I also congratulate you on being the only boxing magazine to ever spell Benitez's name correctly—Wilfred, not Wilfredo.

R. Delgado
Miami, Fla.

Your return to the old logo is particularly heartening. In recent years, the magazine has lacked the commitment to tradition that made it as sound and authoritative (as it was) in Nat Fleischer's heyday. Perhaps I am too attached to the past, but it is my belief that a knowledge and love of yesterday is the surest guarantee that there will be a tomorrow.

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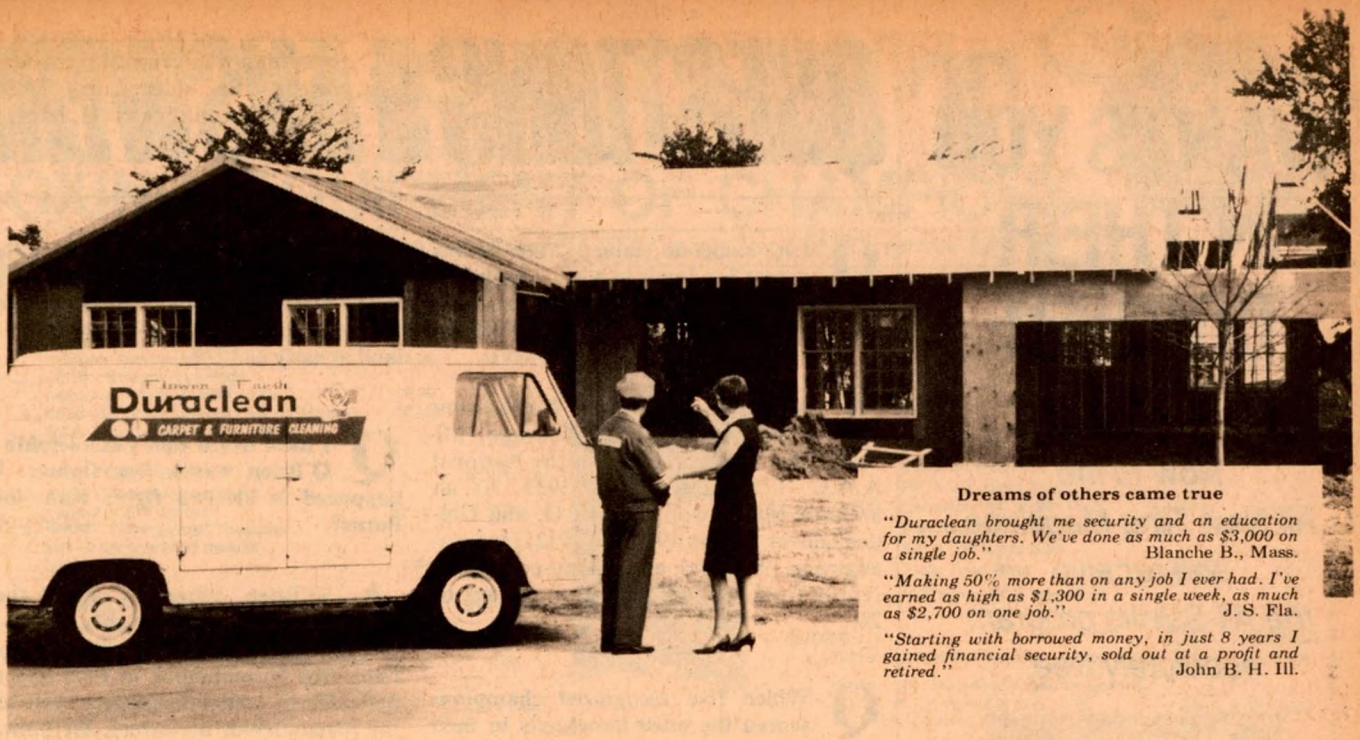

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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Q Did someone named Max Marek defeat Joe Louis in a heavyweight title bout for the Golden Gloves championship of the U.S.? —John Perkoski

A Max Marek, a former Notre Dame football player from Chicago, Illinois, upset Joe Louis to win the National A.A.U. 175-pound title in 1933. As an amateur Marek won the C.Y.O. and Golden Gloves titles in 1931 and 1932. He turned pro in 1935, and, after thirty-one fights, retired from the ring in 1938 at the age of 24.

Q Which five recognized champions scored the most knockouts in their professional careers? —Amos Green

A Archie Moore, light heavy champion who fought from 1936 through 1963 heads the list with 141. Next comes Sugar Ray Robinson (1940-1965). As an amateur he started out as a featherweight and fought in all divisions up through the light heavies as a pro, knocking out 109 opponents. Sandy Saddler (1944-1957), world featherweight champ, is third with 103 Kayoes. In fourth position is Henry Armstrong, (1931-1945), who held three world titles simultaneously. "Hammerin Hank" stretched 97 opponents for the ten count. Last of the top five is Fritzie Zivic, welterweight champion, with 80 knockouts to his credit.

Q Was Bob Fitsimmons a naturalized American citizen when he beat Jack Dempsey in 1891 for the world middleweight title? —D.W. Worrall

A Fitzsimmons did not apply for citizenship until after his bout with Jem Hall in 1893.

Q What was the first year that boxing was part of the Olympics? —Jack Polazzazero

A Boxing first took place in the 1904 Olympic games in all but the light heavyweight class.

Q Who was the first American fighter to fight outside the U.S.? —Muhammad Khan

A Bill Richmond, a black man, known as the Black Terror, was the first American to fight outside the territorial environs of America—fighting in England as early as 1777.

Q I have heard that Philadelphia Jack O'Brien was a fine fighter. What happened in his two fights with Tommy Burns? —Terry Baxter

A O'Brien, chosen as one of the two top light heavyweights of All-Time by Nat Fleischer, won the light heavy title from Bob Fitzsimmons in 1905 and never defended it, competing against heavies for the remainder of his career. He drew with Tommy Burns in a bid for the heavyweight title over 20 rounds in 1906 and the following year lost a 20-rounder to Burns in what looked like a track meet, with O'Brien doign the running and Burns the chasing.

Q What ever happened to Johnny Boudreaux, the heavyweight from Houston, Texas? —Rob Podrebanac

A Boudreaux retired from the ring due to an aggravated leg injury.

Q Is it possible for a 30-year-old, 160 pounder to become a fighter? —Joe Marsilo

A Possible, but not very probable! It's too late to start at that age. Join a local gym and have fun.

Q I have always heard that only heavyweights draw big money, but I understand that the Wilfred Benitez-Sugar Ray Leonard bout will give each fighter a solid hunk of loot. How much? —Joe Marcus

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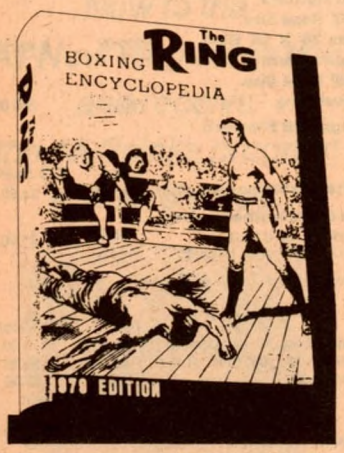

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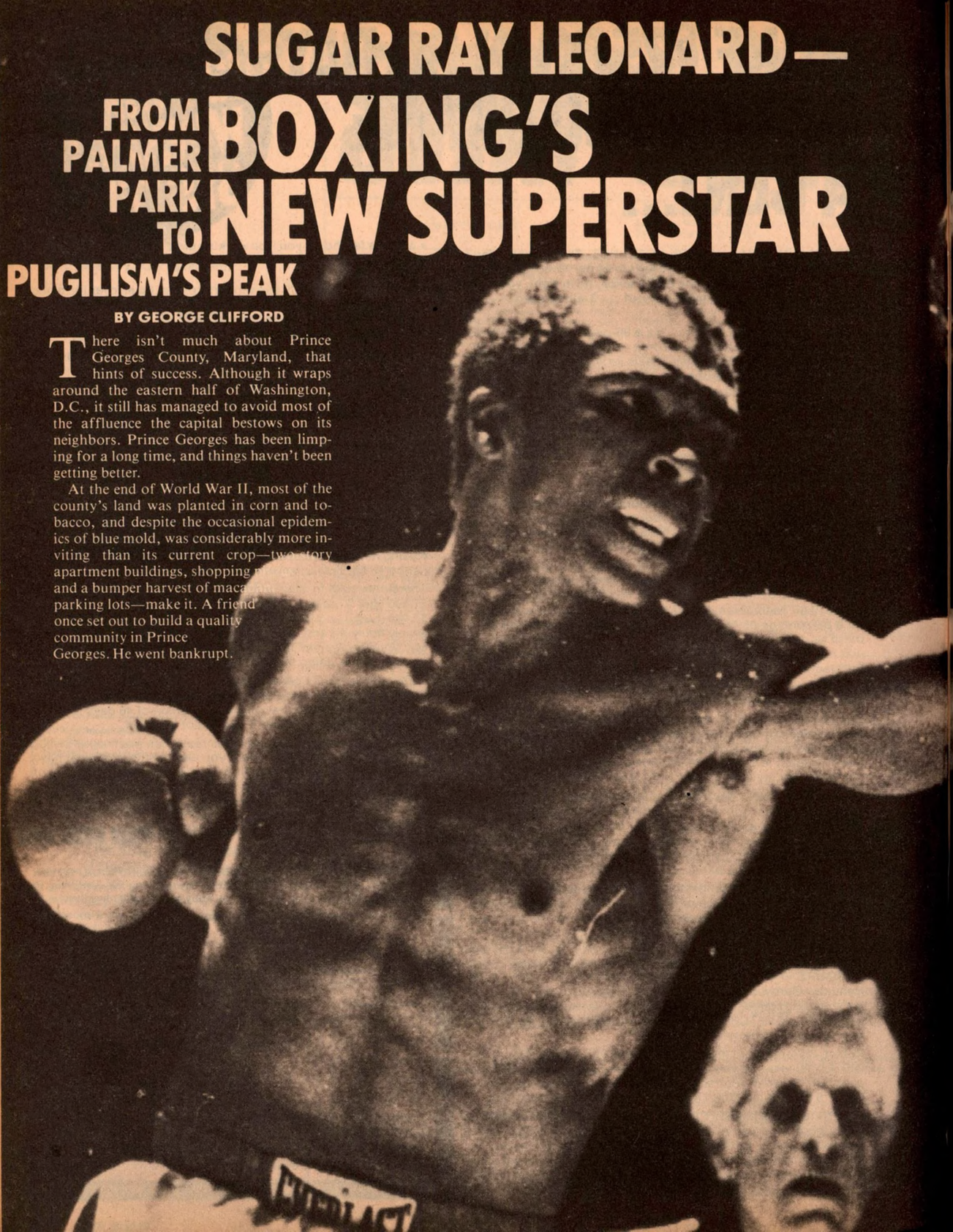
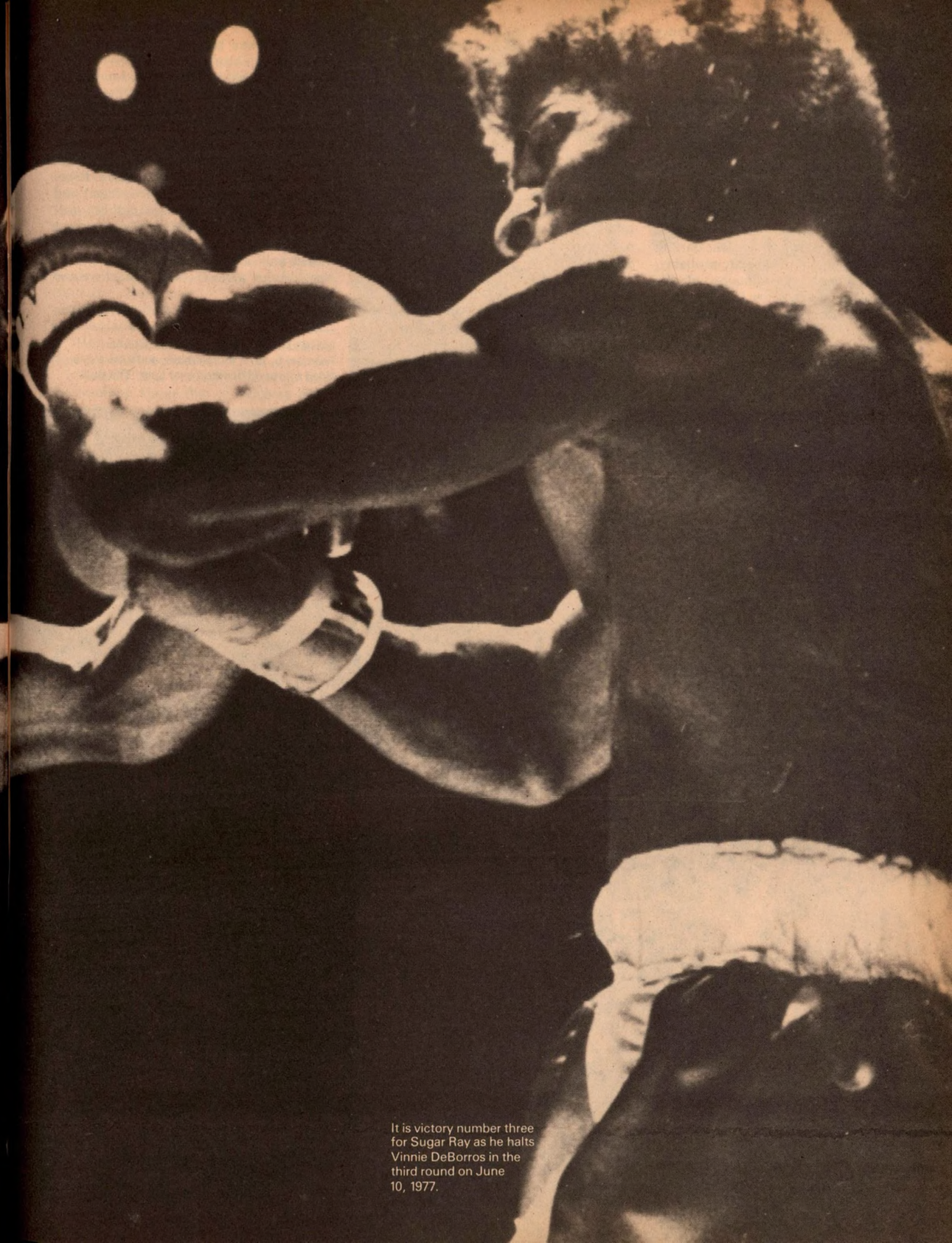
There isn't much about Prince Georges County, Maryland, that hints of success. Although it wraps around the eastern half of Washington, D.C., it still has managed to avoid most of the affluence the capital bestows on its neighbors. Prince Georges has been limping for a long time, and things haven't been getting better.

At the end of World War II, most of the county's land was planted in corn and tobacco, and despite the occasional epidemics of blue mold, was considerably more inviting than its current crop—two-story apartment buildings, shopping [illegible] and a bumper harvest of macad[illegible] parking lots—make it. A friend once set out to build a quality community in Prince Georges. He went bankrupt.





It is victory number three for Sugar Ray as he halts Vinnie DeBorros in the third round on June 10, 1977.

It is a place where lower income whites moved in the 1950's to escape the influx of blacks who came to Washington, and where blacks, seeking a better life for their children, moved later. They were all disappointed. It has the blues—blue mold, blue collars and Monday morning blues that last all week. It is Washington's Newark. It needs a massive infusion of self-confidence.

At last it seems to have found one.

Locked in an avalanche of 1000-power smiles and a maelstrom of whirling fists is the county's best known citizen, the darling of the 1976 Olympics, and, quite probably, the next welterweight champion of the world (WBC version), Sugar Ray Leonard. While Washington, Baltimore, and now, Las Vegas, claim him as their own, Leonard not only lives in Prince Georges, he likes it there.

The sonorous voices of television like to remind their captives that Pennsylvania Avenue is the "Avenue of Presidents." It stretches from the glamor and glitter of Georgetown past the White House and the bastions of the bureaucracy to the Capitol and the restored elegance of the Hill. That's about as far as the sonorous voices are likely to follow it. But it keeps going. Over the Anacostia River, through the city's shame, Anacostia, and on into Prince Georges County.

That's the way you go to see Sugar Ray Leonard. You turn at a giant warehouse, follow another road past carry-outs and parking lots, and turn right just past a drive-in theater.

The Oakcrest Community Center doesn't look exciting from the outside. What grass there is needs cutting. The buildings, painted white, look a little tired, and so do most of the cars in the parking lot. Right in front of the door, however, is a cream Mercedes Benz 450 SL, with a black convertible top. It seems out of place.

This is where Leonard worked out as an amateur, where he learned to pound out 150 amateur victories and nine world titles, including the gold medal from Montreal. It is also the place where the now-professional Leonard, who could live and train anywhere on the face of the earth, chooses to pound the bags and pound his sparring partners.

It is an unlikely place for a fighter. Especially a great one. The inside is clean and well ventilated and remarkably well equipped. There are folding chairs around the ring, and the room seems to have the dusted and polished feel of a church hall. You feel that anyone could come there and be at ease.

They do come. Small children and men

Leonard makes his professional debut on February 5, 1977, in Baltimore, and wins a one-sided six-round decision over Luis "The Bull" Vega.

and women and mothers carrying infants. They come and sit quietly and wait to see Prince Georges County's greatest asset.

Most of the visitors don't recognize Leonard. He is standing outside the ropes with his trainer, Dave Jacobs. Leonard, in light brown shorts, a matching shirt and sneakers, looks like neither a man who will fight for the championship in December nor someone who has earned $2 million in less than three years.

Inside the ring, two fighters are pummeling each other with a good bit of style and grace, and Jacobs shouts instructions to them. Leonard just watches, his face impassive, almost grim. Finally, he walks toward the locker room.

A boy with a shaved head, no more than four-years-old, can hardly contain himself.

"Hey, Ray," the boy says, almost rising from his folding chair.

Leonard's face suddenly lights up into the beaming visage that is welcome in so many living rooms as it comes across the TV.

"How're you doing?" Leonard says, and continues toward the locker room.

"He likes me," the little boy says. "Sugar Ray likes me."

Kids can spot phonies in an instant, and they can tell the real thing, too. Nobody had to explain it to the boy with the shaved head and his friends. Leonard is the real thing. He doesn't have to waste his time with little kids; not when he has a championship fight and television appearances and investments and his family to worry about. But he does take the time, even if it is only an instant, and the kids know he cares. And they love him.

In a while, Leonard comes back, in white ring shoes and blue track shorts with white trim.

"Sugar Ray, Sugar Ray, Sugar Ray," the boy with the shaved head chants. "Yeah, yeah, yeah."

This time Leonard is all business, and moves quickly to Jacobs' side, where he and Janks Morton tape Leonard's hands, putting sponges over the knuckles that gave Leonard so much pain in Montreal. When they are finished with the tape, Leonard looks like he is wearing white boxing gloves. Then they squeeze leather gloves over the enormous bandages, and gently fit a white headgear over his ears.

Morton, a long-time friend of Leonard who would have to trim down to box as a heavyweight, rubs oil on Sugar Ray's body like a priest anointing a saint. Under the lights, Leonard's body glistens with the oil, and his muscles stand out in sharp definition. He loosens up those muscles, and is ready.

Leonard's sparring partner is his cousin, Odell Leonard, who has a darker, bulkier

A scene which has become quite commonplace: Leonard gets a victory hug from trainer Dave Jacobs after another easy conquest.

torso, a good but not great record in the ring, and a shyness that seems to be exaggerated by Sugar Ray's gregariousness.

Sugar Ray and Odell work well together, probing each other although, after years of sparring together, each can accurately anticipate even the breaths the other will take. Odell seems to give as good as he takes.

"Keep that head moving," Jacobs yells. "There you are. . . Side-to-side . . . there you are."

Leonard spars in five minute rounds, and a thin young man in a T-shirt that says "Caesar's Palace" watches the clock. "One minute," he calls out, and the rhythm of Leonard's punches picks up. "Thirty seconds," and Ray's fists move even faster. "Fifteen seconds," and Ray's fists move on his cousin's face like B.B. King's fingers on a guitar string. "Time."

It's that way through every round. You can hear Sugar Ray's fists. "Thump. Thump. Thump, thump, thump, thump." Then the voice yells "thirty seconds," and the fists go "thump-thump-thump-thump-thump."

It is more than a workout. Sugar Ray is trying out tactics as surely as an actor tries out moves during a rehearsal. He deliberately backs into the corner, and Odell comes after him, swinging. Sugar Ray blasts his way out, and Odell is left shaking his head to stop the ringing.

(In his victory over Pete Ranzany in Las Vegas in mid-August, Sugar Ray tried it again. He backed into the corner and cocked his right hand. Ranzany wisely backed off.)

The boy with the shaved head and the others at the Oakcrest gym got a better show than most spectators do at Sugar Ray's fights. There is more action, and it goes on longer.

"Time," the thin man says at the end of the workout.

"Beautiful," says Jacobs.

The entourage closes in around Sugar Ray, and walks with him to a corner of the room, where hands with towels gently wipe off the oil and the sweat, and Jacobs' loving fingers offer a massage. The audience is quiet as Leonard goes back to the locker room for his shower.

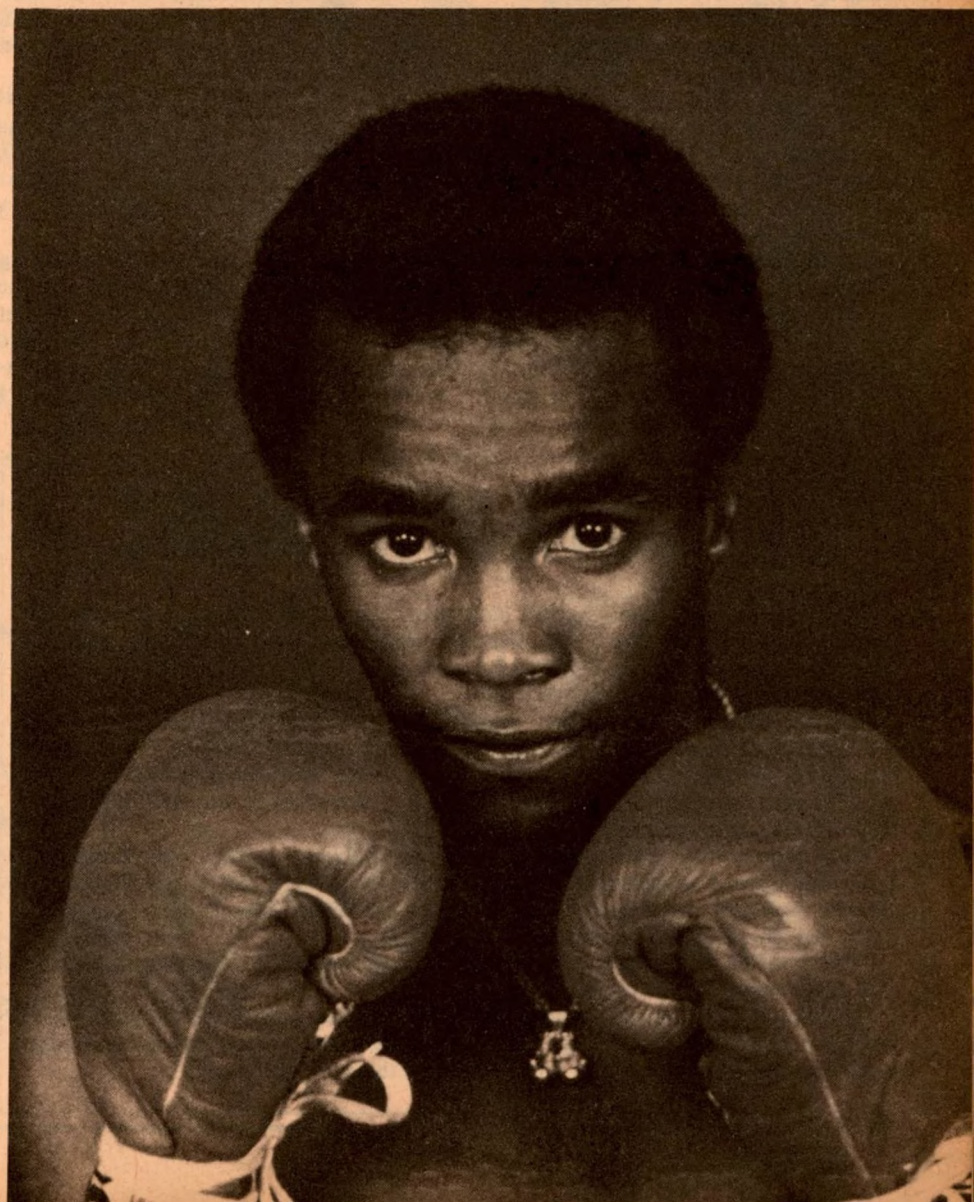
He looks fit and confident as he goes across the room. Odell Leonard doesn't fare so well. His eyes are puffed and squinting, like Kid Gavilan's were at the end of his career. And Odell has just started.

Boxing, as Ray Leonard well knows, is a dangerous business. He has said frequently, even after one-sided triumphs, "One punch can end a career." He makes plans against the end of his career.

Most of his unbelievable earnings have

Tough Jose Bernardo Prada loses a 10-round decision (bottom left) to Leonard in November, 1978. Two months later, Johnny Gant was decisively beaten in eight rounds (above left).

Above: A long right to the face is about to make Fernand Marcotte an eighth round technical knockout victim in February, 1979. Right: The darling of the '76 Olympics has become the '80s greatest attraction.



been invested wisely. He bought his parents a split-level brick home. His lawyer has set up a retirement plan, funded with government bonds and bank certificates of deposit. There are other investments he hopes will grow.

Most important, he owns all the shares in Sugar Ray Leonard, Inc., a business that, like Prince Georges County, has one great asset—Sugar Ray Leonard. Jacobs and Morton and even Angelo Dundee, his manager of record, are all employees. All but Dundee are on the payroll. He, like the good salesman he is, gets fifteen percent.

Leonard and Dundee seldom see each other except in the days immediately preceeding a fight and, of course, during the bout. Dundee makes the matches, in the beginning bringing Leonard along slowly, then, fight-by-fight, increasing the skills of his opponents. It is a process like going to school. Leonard had to get through the elementary classes before he could go to high school. Now he is ready for the university of pugilism—a championship fight. Some of the courses along the way, after all, were tough ones.

By most measures, Pete Ranzany was one of the tough ones. In the first round of that bout, Ranzany landed most of the punches, but it was Leonard who walked back to his corner at the bell with a smile. He had studied the man, and he knew he could beat him. It took Leonard most of four rounds.

Throughout his success in the ring, and the phenomenal economic success and publicity that have accompanied it, Leonard has managed to keep his perspective. Through it all, he is still the kid from Prince Georges County.

At the time of the first Floyd Patterson - Sonny Liston fight in Chicago, in September, 1962, most of the talking was done by a young heavyweight named Cassius Clay. He scoffed at the champion and the contender, and when the name of either was mentioned, he trumpeted, "If I can't beat him, I'll quit. I am the greatest."

It was a good act, and it certainly attracted attention, but by the third day, it was wearing thin. Even then. When he sat next to me in the hotel coffee shop the night before the fight, and ordered an ice cream sundae, it seemed worth talking about. Why, I wondered, did he do it?

"Do you ever watch boxing on TV?" the young heavyweight asked.

"Sure."

"Do you notice that there is no one out there in all those seats, beyond the first couple of rows? The fighters, they just go out there and fight, and they don't say nothing. Do you ever watch wrestling?"

"Not if I can help it."

"But you see these guys come out and say, 'I am the greatest. If I can't beat him, I'll quit.' And you look, and all those seats are filled. That's all I'm trying to do."

It seems reasonable that a fighter should do everything in his power to make every cent he can out of every fight. The game is too hard, and the risks too great, to do it for less. As Leonard so often says, "One punch can end a career."

It is probable that Muhammad Ali was the greatest, both in the ring and as a promoter. He deserves what he made, but his promotional spiels were more interesting when he looked at his audience, rather than looking over their heads, as he seemed to be doing in later years.

It is pleasant that Ali's successor as boxing's biggest drawing card is a nice young man who brings the people in with a big smile and soft words. And he still looks people straight in the eye.

Perhaps he is just lucky. Or perhaps America is ready for the return of the decent, pleasant, clean-cut hero, the All-American boy. Whatever, Leonard and Wilfred Benitez, the WBC welterweight champion, will gross over $1 million each for their bout in December. It seems safe to presume that most of that money is not coming on the basis of Benitez's strength as a drawing card.

Leonard came out of the dressing room and was surrounded by his admirers. He grinned his 1000-power grin, and posed with each of the small boys who stood around him, while a man with an Instamatic popped flash cubes. When it was the boy with the shaved head's turn—he was the smallest and the last—Leonard told the man with the camera to wait until the boy had his hand clenched in a fist, and Leonard held the boy in his arms for the picture.

The man with the camera wanted to be in a picture, too, and found someone to hold the camera while he posed.

"Take your time," Leonard said, reassuringly, and his smile in the picture was as wide as it had been with the kids.

A visitor suggested that all of this must be tiring for Leonard, particularly after a workout on a hot, humid day.

"I enjoy it," he said, his smile lighting up his face. "Particularly the time with the kids. I always have time for that. I want them to be able to look up to me. I'm glad they can look up to me. I want to be an example. I'd like to work with kids when I stop boxing. Maybe counseling, that would be good."

His smile is as radiant as the Fourth of July, and you have to wonder if he is really happy, or is he just putting it on.

"I want to be happy," he said. "Now, I'm happy for what I can do for my mother and father, and I'm happy that I'm getting someplace. When I fight for the championship, I'll be one of the first little guys to box for more than $1 million. They say only heavyweights can do that."

And that Mercedes outside. Does that make him happy?

"Do you like it?" he asks. "I've only had it six months. I bought an El Dorado, and I had it for about a month, but I got tired of it. Then I got the Mercedes. Did you see the spoke wheels? I told the dealer I wanted spoke wheels and he said he had never seen a Mercedes with spoke wheels. I said to him, 'That's the reason I want them.'

"But happy . . . I guess I won't be really happy until I stop boxing. I hope I'll have money in the bank and a bunch of apartment houses. Then I'll be able to help people without hurting myself. And the most important thing, I can just be Ray Leonard."

No "Sugar"?

"I'll put the sugar in the jar." ■

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LEONARD'S RING RECORD

1977

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Feb. 5	Luis Vega	Baltimore	W 6
May 14	Willie Rodriguez	Baltimore	W 6
June 10	Vinnie DeBorros	Hartford	KO 3
Sept. 24	Frankie Santore	Baltimore	KO 5
Nov. 5	Augustine Estrada	Las Vegas	KO 6

1978

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Feb. 4	Rocky Ramon	Baltimore	W 8
March 1	Art McKnight	Dayton	KO 7
March 19	Javier Muniz	New Haven	KO 1
April 13	Bobby Haymon	Landover, Md.	KO 3
May 13	Randy Milton	Utica	KO 8
June 3	Rafael Rodriguez	Baltimore	W 10
July 18	Dick Ecklund	Boston	W 10
Sept. 9	Floyd Mayweather	Providence	KO 10
Oct. 6	Randy Shields	Baltimore	W 10
Nov. 3	Jose Bernardo Prada	Portland, Me.	W 10
Dec. 9	Armando Muniz	Springfield, Mass.	KO 7

1979

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Jan. 11	Johnny Gant	Landover, Md.	KO 8
Feb. 11	Fernand Marcotte	Miami Beach	KO 8
March 24	Daniel Gonzales	Tucson	KO 1
April 21	Adolfo Viruet	Las Vegas	W 10
May 20	Marcos Geraldo	New Orleans	W 10
June 24	Tony Chiaverini	Las Vegas	KO 4
Aug. 12	Pete Ranzany	Las Vegas	KO 4

Summary

BOUTS	WINS	LOSSES	DRAWS	KO'S
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from *The Ring Record Book*

SUGAR RAY R. ON SUGAR RAY L.

Ever since boxing began, fighters have taken the names of other more famous figures. There was a fighter by the name of "Babe Ruth" during the '20s, another who called himself "King Tut", and scores of Young something-or-others, so labeled after more famous namesakes.

Now, there is a new "Sugar Ray," named by the media in an obvious reference to the original Sugarman, Ray Robinson. There have been other "Sugars" — Bryant, Hammond, Hart and Seales, to name just a few — but few have acquitted their use of the name as admirably as the current "Sugar," Ray Charles Leonard, originally named for the composer-pianist.

What does the original "Sugar" — who was dubbed "Sugar" Ray Robinson after Jack Case, a sportswriter for a Waterville, New York, paper saw him in an amateur fight and commented "This Robinson is as sweet as sugar . . . " — think of the man currently wearing his name?

"I'm gratified he's using my name," said "Sugar" Ray. "I think it's great when kids think enough of you to use your name."

And what about Leonard's ring skills? "He's learning every time he fights. He's putting it together well. He'll go a long way. He's pretty good and he's coming along well. He's not great yet — but I know one thing . . . he wins!"

Sugar Ray Leonard,

WHO DID SOME "BORROWING" FROM **RAY ROBINSON** AND **MUHAMMAD ALI,** OBVIOUSLY ISN'T AFRAID TO STICK OUT HIS CHIN!

"SUGAR" NICKNAME

...TRICK IS NOT TO LET ANY-ONE **HIT** IT!

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SUGAR RAY SOON SHOWED HE COULD ALSO STICK OUT HIS **FISTS**— BUT SWIFTLY— AS A MEMBER OF THE 1976 U.S. OLYMPIC SQUAD.

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SINCE TURNING PRO IN 1977, HE HAS BEEN SUCCESSFULLY STICKING TO AN AMBITIOUS BATTLE SCHEDULE.

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W.B.C. WELTER-CHAMPION— **WILFRED BENITEZ**

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"IT IS A WISE FATHER THAT KNOWS HIS OWN CHILD"—Wm. SHAKESPEARE

By PAPA GREGORY BENITEZ

PAPA BENITEZ SAYS WILFRED "WILL NOT WIN THIS FIGHT."

"He can't win this fight. Yes, I've said it. I have repeated it many times, and I keep saying it."

So spoke Gregory "Goyo" Benitez, the reigning monarch of the Benitez family who has guided his young son Wilfred to the top spot in the welterweight division.

"The hell with the million dollars! I know it sounds crazy, but that's what I'm saying."

With all the attention this fight is getting, Gregory feels Wilfred is not training sufficiently. Wilfred starts training at four o'clock in the afternoon. Gregory wants him to start earlier, but it is very hard to get Wilfred to go to the gym.

"When he finally gets to the gym, I have to admit he has a good workout. But both my wife and I are very disgusted with Wilfred."

Even as Papa Benitez says this, a very pretty girl has come into the gym to say "hello" to Wilfred.

Dona Clara (Wilfred's mother) said, "Look at how my son has turned out. All he thinks about now are women. And this is no good during fights."

Gregory Benitez was the manager of Wilfred. Now he's just his father and trainer, even though spiritually Wilfred still listens to Gregory. But it is a big struggle. Gregory sold his contract and Wilfred has somehow been bothered by that. Gregory is really limited in what he can do for the son, technically.

"Even if they gave me $200,000 to work in the corner, I would not. I refuse to be in his corner against Sugar Ray Leonard. I am not a hypocrite. There is no fighter who can be inactive for seven or eight months and then compete in a fight such as this one and hope to be sharp. It is not important that he is starting to train well now. He has not listened to anything I have told him, and meanwhile Leonard has fought a lot. He has stayed active. But Wilfred is a boy who just refuses to listen.

"We were offered to take an exhibition."

Against who?

"We were offered to take an exhibition for $15,000, a three-rounder in the Bahamas. I don't even know who the opponent was. It was just an exhibition, not a fight. Still, he didn't want to train, not even for an exhibition."

Why doesn't he want to train?

"Good question, but I cannot answer it. Wilfred has become a celebrity with many things to do. He would much rather be out somewhere — anywhere — than in the gym. I have told him many times that Leonard will be in top shape and in top form, and that Leonard will beat him if he doesn't train . . ."

He shrugged his shoulders.

There has always been a professional jealousy between Gregory Benitez and Angelo Dundee, the trainer of Leonard.

"I think I am the best cornerman, but everybody considers Angelo Dundee the best in his field. The best deserve respect, and that is something Wilfred does not give me. He has ridiculed me one time already. That, and the fact he is not getting into top condition will keep me out of his corner.

"After turning down the $15,000 for the exhibition in the Bahamas, we had a contract to fight Johnny Turner for $75,000, and another with Pete Ranzany for $165,000. But it is not the money that interested us in this case, it is the fact I wanted Wilfred to have the same amount of fights Leonard had, so he can come in sharp — and in shape. We had TV cassettes of each of those fighters, but neither fight ever took place. Wilfred Benitez, believe me, can beat Turner and Ranzany on the same night. He would knock out the two of them. But he won't listen.

"Even if they pay me $200,000, I am not going to be there. It hurts me to feel this way. But if he keeps on like this, he will lose. He will *not* win this fight." ■

Gregory Benitez, patriarch of the Benitez family, bared his soul in an exclusive interview with Ral Garcia for our sister publication, The Ring En Espanol.

Gregory Benitez slaps his son and demands he "wake up and get going" during Wilfred's title defense against Harold Weston in March 1979. Wilfred woke up and won.

WILLIE PEP— BOXING'S RUNNING LEGEND

A SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY WITH THE "WILL O' THE WISP"

By BILL HEINZ

"How did you get my number?" he said on the phone. I had called him one evening late in January at his home in Wethersfield, Connecticut.

"Come on, Willie," I said. "You're not unheard of."

"I'm a has-been," he said. "Nobody remembers me."

He was the greatest creative artist I ever saw in the ring. When I watched him box, it used to occur to me that, if I could just listen carefully enough, I would hear the music. He turned boxing contests into ballets, performances by a virtuoso in which the opponent, trying to punch him out, became an unwilling partner in a dance, the details of which were so exquisite that they evoked joy, and sometimes even laughter.

In 1940, when Guiglermo Papaleo—Willie Pep— turned professional after winning the Connecticut amateur flyweight and bantamweight championships, he was seventeen, still an adolescent. He won fifty-three fights in a row, and then at age twenty, beat Chalky Wright for the featherweight championship of the world. He won another eight before Sammy Angott, the former lightweight champion, a grabber and smotherer and too big for him, outpointed him. Then he won another seventy-three before Sandy Sadler knocked him out in the first of their four fights. In other words, of his first 135 fights, he won all but the one in which he was out-muscled and out-wrestled. In our time we never saw another like him.

"I'm on the Boxing Commission," he said. "It's in the State Building, so see me there. I'm there every day from eight until 4:30."

He gave me the directions, rapidly, for he always talked the way he boxed, the words spurting out. He told me what exit to take from the Interstate and what streets and how to get around the park and how to rec-

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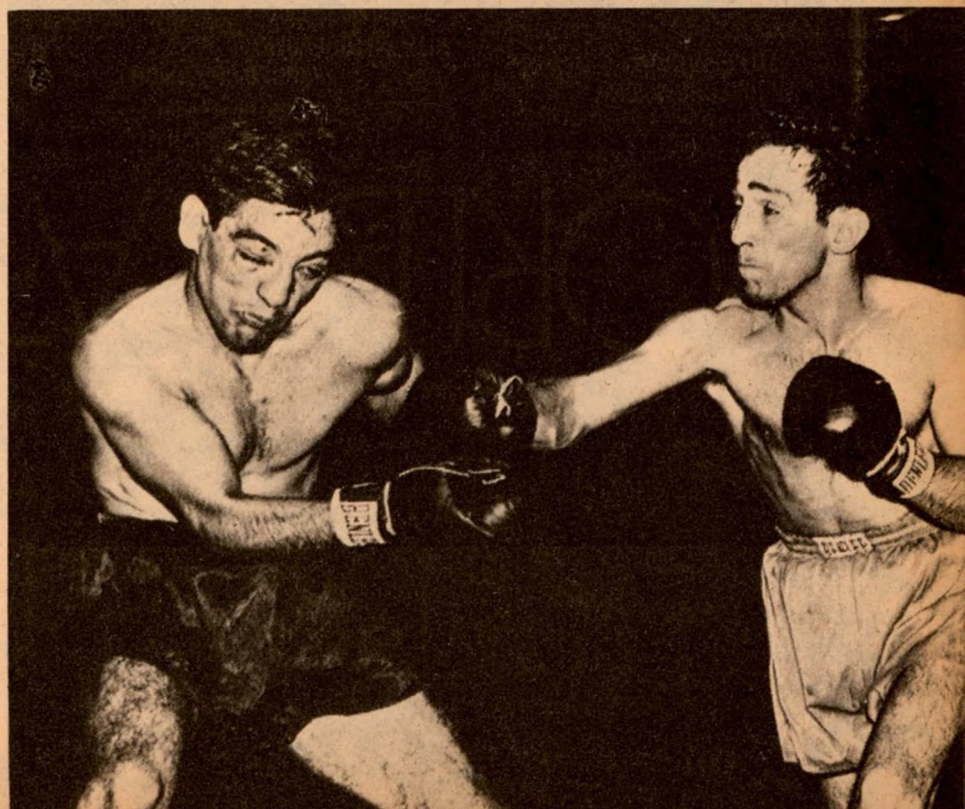
Above: Pep was masterful the night of February 11, 1949, gaining the title from Sandy Saddler. Right: Pep stops Eddie Compo in round seven, September 20, 1949.

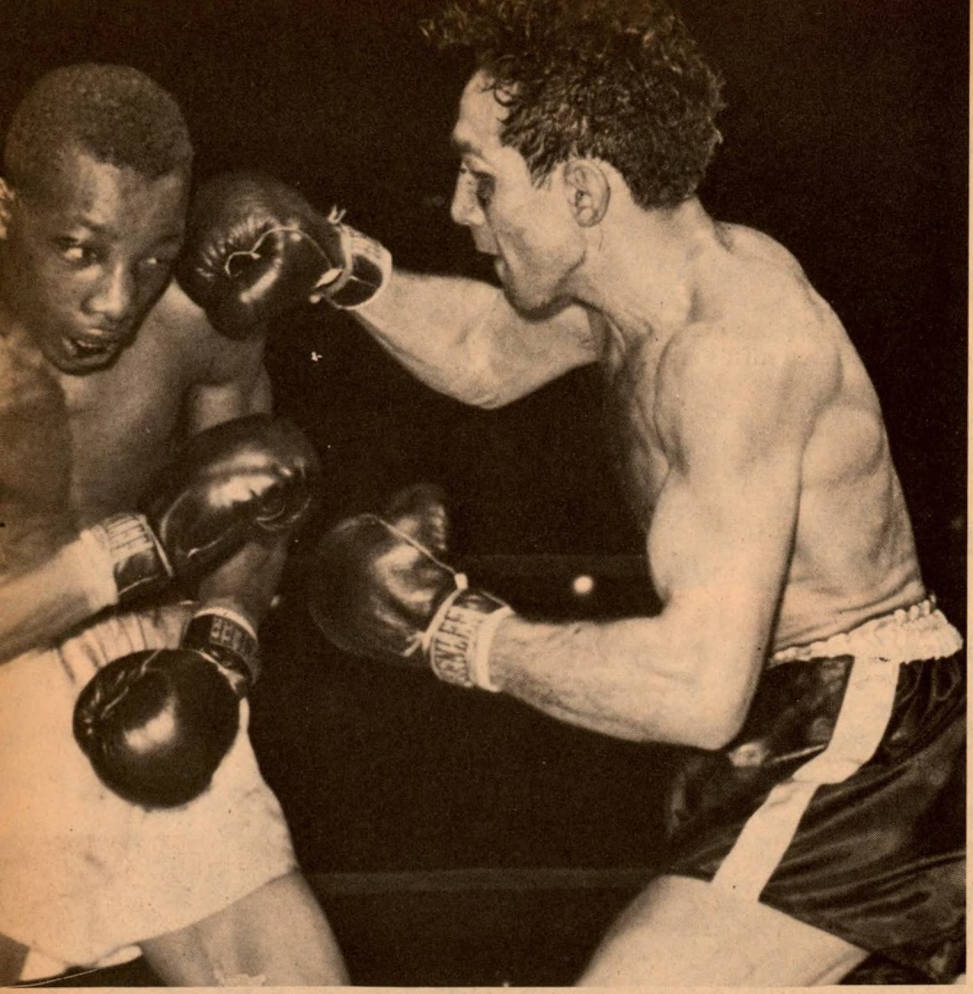


ognize the building. Hartford is a city I once knew and walked, but when I drove down the ramp off the elevated Interstate and got into the noontime traffic, I turned into the parking space of the high-rise motel and checked in. I had lunch and I took a cab. At my age I wanted to have something left for Willie.

"Excuse me," I said. "I'm looking for Willie Pep."

I had found on the directory in the lobby "Athletic Division," under "Department of Consumer Protection." A middle-aged balding man, his jacket off, was sitting behind a desk on which there was a sign that read "Michael Boguslawski." On the door it had said that he was the assistant to Mary Heslin, the head of the department.

"Sure," he said. "You go out and take a left. Go down one flight of steps and go through the doors. Go straight ahead down the hall to the end. Take a right. It's the



fifth door on the left, 31-A."

"I'm sorry," I said, "but will you give that to me again?"

"I'll give him a call," he said, picking up the phone and dialing, and then, "Sure he's here, and you're there, but come up and lead him down."

He came through the doorway quickly, sticking out his hand. He is five feet five, and he never had any trouble making the 126 pounds, but he was a little heavier now, his fifty-four years in his face, and he was wearing a glen plaid suit and a striped sports shirt open at the neck. He led me down, walking rapidly with those small, quick steps, thrusting the doors open, talking.

"It's a good job," he said. "Last year we had about thirty-five wrestling shows, twenty-three boxing shows. We supervise. We check to see a guy hasn't been knocked out in thirty days. If one guy's got forty fights and another's got ten, we don't allow. We go in before the fight and see that they bandage properly. Hugh Devlin is the director. A good guy. I'm under him with Sal Giacobbe."

He led me into the office and introduced me to Devlin, a rather short, gray-haired, smiling man behind one of the gray metal desks. There were three desks, filing cabinets, a metal locker, a weigh-in scale, a sofa and armchair, and a coat rack.

"Hughie was the bantamweight champion of Massachusetts," he said, and then to Devlin, "How many fights you have?"

"I had 121," Devlin said, "and I won 113."

"He was a good fighter," Willie said.

"You weren't bad yourself," I said.

"Thank you," Willie said.

"The greatest I ever saw," Devlin said. "I can still see Willie's fights. I'll never forget them."

"He was a creative genius," I said to Devlin, "and he could do those things because he had the reflexes of a housefly."

"Thank you very much," Willie said, sitting down behind his desk. "That's very kind of you."

"I have to laugh at you, Willie," I said. "All we're doing is telling you the truth, and you think we're doing you a favor. You did us a favor being the fighter you were."

"That's nice of you to say that," he said, and that's the way he always was, slipping compliments the way he slipped punches while sticking out another jab.

"The last time I saw you in a ring," I said, "was in the Fifth Street Gym in Miami, about 1952. It was after the third Saddler fight, and you didn't have the title any

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Pep scores with a right to the head (above left) on the way to beating Saddler. Willie decisions Jackie Blair (bottom left) in May 1953, and does the same to Andy Arel in December 1955. (Right)

more, and you were starting to hit the road."

"That's right," he said. "I fought in a lot of places."

He did, indeed. Once the really big pay nights were gone forever, he took what was left of his inimitable talents into Moncton, New Brunswick; Bennington, Vermont; Athol, Massachusetts; San Antonio, Texas; Lawton, Oklahoma; Florence, South Carolina; Presque Isle, Maine; Painesville, Georgia; and Caracas, Venezuela, among other places. In 1959 he retired, to come back six years later at the age of forty-two to add nine more wins to a record that reads 241 fights, 229 wins, one draw, and eleven losses.

"Tell Hughie," I said now, "about the time you fought the local boy in the town where the sheriff weighed you in."

"That's right," he said, and then to Devlin, "They didn't have no boxing commission, so the sheriff weighs you in with a gun on his hip. The fight's in the ball park, so when he calls us to the center of the ring . . ."

"Wait a minute, Willie," I said. "Tell him about the kid at the weigh-in."

"Oh, yeah," he said. "So at the weigh-in, the kid I'm gonna box comes up to me and says, 'Mr. Pep, can I have your autograph?' I looked at him, and I said, 'Get away from me, kid. There's people watchin' here. We're boxin' tonight, and what are they gonna think?' "

"You were his hero," I said.

"Yeah," he said. "So at the ball park they got a pretty good crowd, and the referee calls us to the center of the ring to give us the instructions. I look at the kid, and he's white. He's scared stiff. I'm thinking, 'Oh, boy, what kind of a fight can this be?' So the bell rings and we move around, and a lot of guys turn white, but this guy is startin' to turn purple. I figure I have to do something, so I threw a right hand over his shoulder, that would look good to the crowd but that would miss, and I stepped inside and grabbed him under the arms, and I said, 'Look, kid. Just relax. These people here paid their money, and we'll give them a show. We'll just box and you won't get hurt. We'll have a nice evening, and everybody will like it.' That's exactly what I told him."

"And wait until you hear the ending," I said to Devlin.

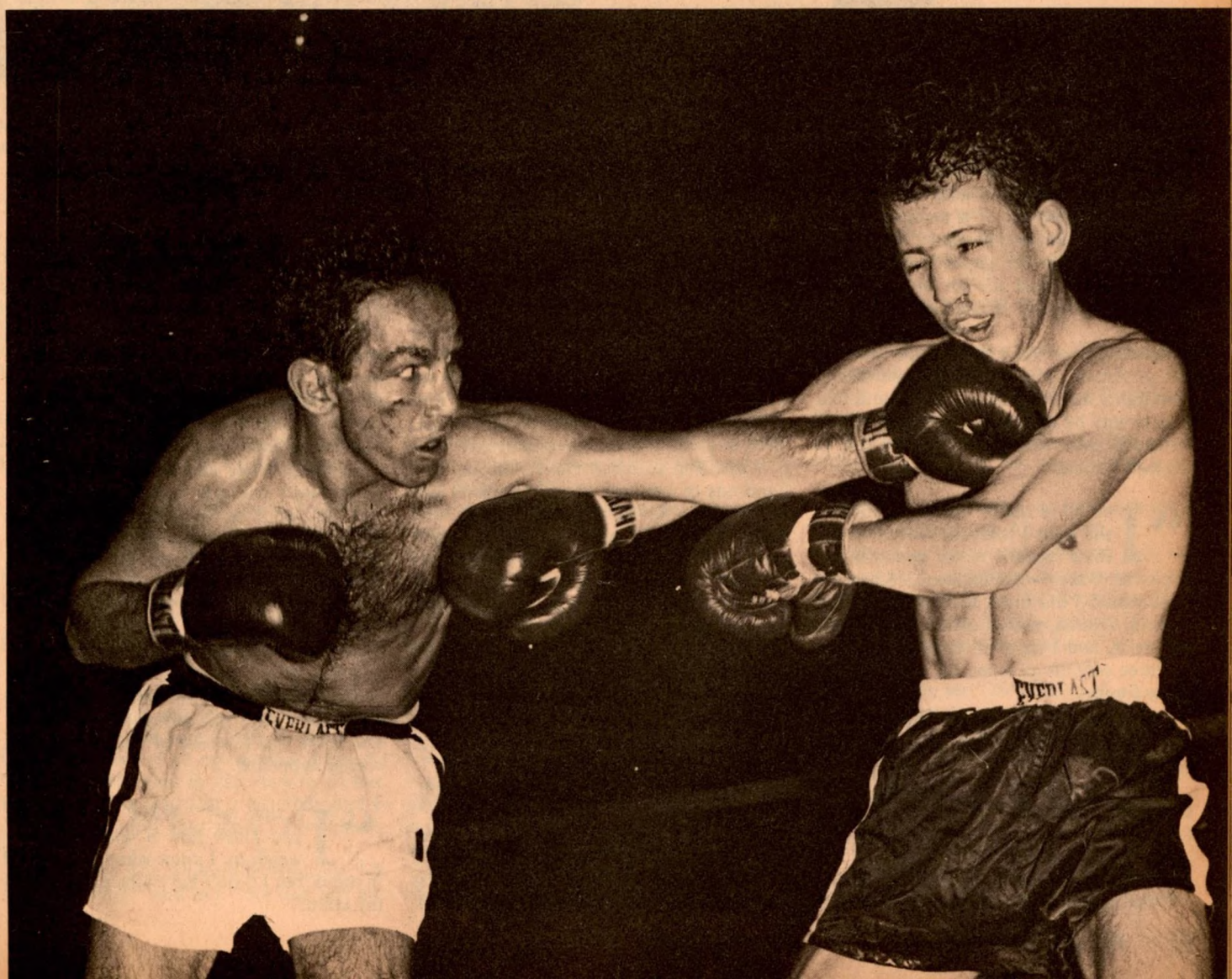
"So I take my arms out from under his and let him go," Willie said, "and he falls right on his face and the referee counts him out."

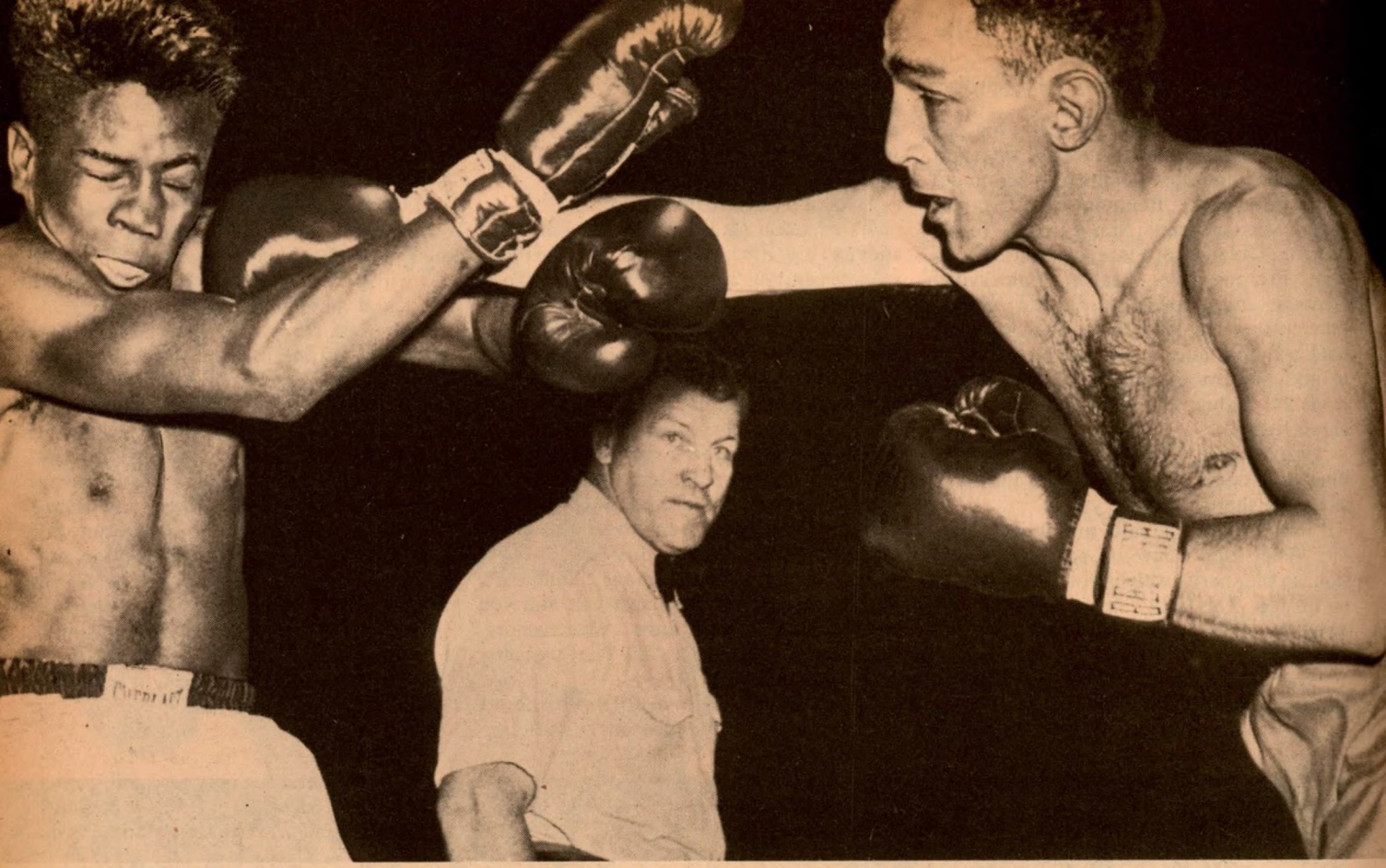
"I love that," Devlin said, laughing. "That's a great story."

"That's the truth," Willie said.

"Then there was the time," I said to Devlin, "that Willie boxed Kid Campeche in Tampa. Frank Graham and Red Smith were covering the baseball training camps, and they were driving out of Tampa one afternoon on the Tamiami Trail starting back to Miami. Over the car radio they heard that Willie was boxing that night in Tampa so, without either of them saying anything, Red just turned the car around and headed back. Willie pitched another shut-out, and in Campeche's dressing room afterward, either Red or Frank said, 'Well, what was that like?' And Campeche said, 'What was it like? Fighting Willie Pep is like trying to stamp out a grass fire.' "

"Yeah, Kid Campeche," Willie said, nodding. "I remember him."





"He'll never forget you," I said. "None of them will."

He picked up a pair of black-rimmed glasses from the top of his desk and put them on. He opened a desk drawer and took out a photostat of a newspaper column by Don Riley and handed it to me.

"He writes for the paper in Minneapolis," he said, "and it's all in there. It's about when I boxed Jackie Graves there in '46."

Jackie Graves was a pretty good puncher out of Austin, Minnesota. He had thirty-nine fights before he boxed Willie and had won twenty by knockouts while losing two decisions, and Willie knocked him out in the eighth round.

"It's all in there," he said. "Before the fight I told this Riley, 'In the third round I'm not gonna throw a punch. Watch what happens.' So in the third round I did like I told him. I moved around, feinted, picked off punches, made him miss, and I never threw a punch, and all three offcials gave me the round. Riley never forgot it."

"How could he?" I said. "And another fight I'll never forget was your one with Famechon."

Ray Famechon was the European featherweight champion. Lew Burston, of the International Boxing Club, had talked him into coming over to box Willie in the Garden for the championship of the world.

"The afternoon of the fight," I said, "I stopped by the Garden to pick up my ticket, and Lew Burston grabbed me. He said, 'You weren't at the weigh-in. You should have been there.' I said, 'Why?' He said, 'Why? Because, Eddie Eagan was explaining our rules. He was telling Famechon that you can't spin a man, and Famechon just reached across in front of him and grabbed Pep by the elbow and spun him and said, *'Comme ca?'* "

"Yeah," Willie said now. "He was kind of fresh at the weigh-in. He grabbed me, so I figured I can't fight him here, so I'll see what I can do in the ring."

"So then," I said, "Burston said to me, 'Why shouldn't he treat Pep like that? Who is Willie Pep to him? Famechon has had hundreds of amateur fights and sixty pro fights. He's boxed all over Europe, and fought every style there is and . . .' And I said, 'Wait a minute, Lew. He's fought every style there is except Willie Pep's style and unfortunately he has to fight that style tonight.' "

"He was a tough guy, and he boxed everybody in Europe," Willie said now. "If he thought I was gonna stand there and trade punch for punch, maybe that's the way they do it in Europe, but not over here. He'd get set, and I'd jab him and move."

"I remember that fight," Devlin said. "Great."

"I'll never forget it," I said. "I never saw another fighter who was as frustrated as Famechon was that night. He was punching at air, and a couple of times Willie was actually behind him, tapping him on the shoulder to let him know where he was."

"Yeah," Willie said, "the guy wanted to punch me, and I didn't like to get punched."

"But what Willie probably doesn't know," I said, "is that the fight was supposed to have economic implications in France. Coca-Cola was starting to sell big over there, and the wine growers were up in arms. French kids for centuries had been brought up to drink wine, and now they were drinking Cokes. The agency that had the Coca-Cola account must have figured that Famechon would lick Willie, and they were ready. They had a case of Cokes in Famechon's dressing room, and the idea was that, after he won, there'd be pictures on the front pages of papers all over France of the new world champion celebrating with a Coke."

"I didn't know that," Willie said.

"So in the dressing room later," I said, "there was Famechon with his head down, and saying in French, 'I couldn't hit him because I couldn't find him.' There were the agency guys like mourners at a wake, and there was the case of Cokes over in a corner unopened."

"Is that so?" Willie said. "Well, you know how it was. After the weigh-in, I knew what the guy had in mind, but I didn't have athe same idea in my mind."

A hard right by Pep distorts the face of Bobby Bell during their non-title bout in 1950. Pep won the 10-round decision.

"That was obvious once the fight started," I said.

"But Willie's greatest was the second Saddler fight," Devlin said. "Great."

Willie's record in *The Ring Record Book and Encyclopedia* is a gallery of great art, from the meticulous miniatures that went only a few rounds to the masterpieces that went the distance. Of the latter, the second Saddler fight in the Garden was the greatest boxing exhibition I ever saw, for Saddler had knocked him out in their first fight and had the height and reach and punch on him. He hurt him the second time, too, cut him under both eyes and over the right, and rocked him time and again, but it was Willie's fight from the first round on when he jabbed Saddler thirty-seven times in succession without a return. There were times when he had Saddler so befuddled that he could stop the dancing and stand right there and rock him back and, though battered and cut and bruised, he won it big on everybody's card to send the sell-out crowd out into the streets buzzing, still carrying the electrical charge of it.

"Willie sold a lot of TV sets that night," I was saying now. "In those days, you remember, boxing and Milton Berle sold TVs. Guys who didn't have sets gathered in bars or in the homes of others who had sets to watch the fights, and I'll bet Willie sold a lot that night."

"I'll bet you're right," Devlin said.

"Who knows?" Willie said.

"Another one I remember," I said, "was when you defended against Sal Bartolo. There was a loud-mouth there who was hollering, 'Walk in on him, Sal! He can't punch! Walk in! He can't hurt ya!' After you flattened Bartolo, the guy was hollering, 'Fake! Fake!' Bartolo's jaw was broken in three places."

"I got lucky," Willie said. "I boxed him twice before and never knocked him down, and in the first fight he knocked me down for the first time. He was a good fighter."

"I was thinking of you a couple of months ago," I said. "I was out in Cut and Shoot, Texas, outside Houston. You remember. You were training in Houston and . . ."

"Yeah, I remember that fighter fought Patterson. What was his name?"

"Roy Harris."

"Yeah," Willie said, and then to Devlin, "He came from out in the woods there. They used to cut and shoot people, and they wanted me to go out there and I said, 'Look, I don't want to go. They're probably nice people, but I'm a city fella and I don't understand that stuff.' I wouldn't go."

"So Willie was training in Houston," I said to Devlin, "and Bill Gore had just attached Willie's speed bag into the overhead socket. Roy Harris has a brother named Tobe, who'd been a fighter, and he walked up and he teed off and hit the bag a smash with his right . . ."

"Yeah," Willie said, nodding. "That's right."

"Well, that was like some country fiddler grabbing Jascha Heifetz's violin. Bill Gore said to this Tobe, 'Don't do that. That's Willie's bag.' And this Tobe, he squared off against Bill."

"That's right," Willie said. "He wanted to belt old Bill Gore. Somebody stepped in between them, but I didn't want nothin' to do with that Cut and Shoot place."

"And last fall I went up to see Carmen Basilio in Syracuse," I said. "He also says you were the greatest boxer he ever saw."

"That's nice of him," Willie said. "What's he doin'?"

"He's teaching in a college there."

"He teaching in a college?" Willie said. "How can he be teachin' in a college, when he can't even speak English."

"Come on, Willie," I said, "he speaks as well as we do."

"Yeah, I know," he said, "but, I mean, how can he be teachin' in a college?"

"He teaches physical education."

"Oh," Willie said. "Well, he could do that."

"He told me you wouldn't agree with me."

"He told you what?"

"He told me that you wouldn't agree with me. He says that everything he says, you disagree with."

"He's wrong," Willie said.

"You see?" I said. "That's exactly what he said."

"Every time he sees me," Willie said, "he grabs me in a headlock. Why does he do that?"

"I don't know," I said. "He likes you, I guess."

"That's enough," Devlin said, laughing and standing up. "I could sit around here all afternoon listening to these stories, but I have things to do."

He shook hands with me, and put on his coat and hat and left. Willie was sitting back, his hands clasped behind his head.

"So what do you want to know?" he said.

"How are things with you," I said. "I'm presuming you're presently married."

I had lost track of Willie's marriages. The first was to a girl from around Hartford, the second was to a model, the third to an exotic dancer, the fourth to a hat check girl and part-time actress. That's where some of the money went. Some went into a home for his parents, and some went at the race track, and some into Chilean oil wells, two night clubs, and a tavern.

"This is the fifth time," he said. "I'm happily married nine years to this girl—Geraldine. Her father was an All-American basketball player at Manhattan College—Nat Volpe—and he used to referee games in the Garden. When I first met my wife she didn't know Willie Pep from a hole in the wall. I got a seven-year-old daughter—Melissa—a cat, two dogs, and a fenced in yard, and that's it."

"I remember a little kid, a boy about knee-high, who used to be around the gym here with you."

"I got a thirty-three-year-old daughter. I got two boys. One guy is thirty-one and the other is twenty-four. I run away the first time. We were both twenty years old, and she said, 'Willie, we ought to get married.' I said, 'I can't, until I'm champion of the world.' So two months later we got married. My first two are dead now, and the third and fourth—I don't know what happened to them once we got divorced. I did well by them, though."

"I recall somebody telling me," I said, "that a father of one of your wives told you before the marriage, 'Willie, don't marry my daughter. She's no good, and you're too nice a guy.' I thought that was quite a noble act by a father."

"But that's not so," he said. "Why would the guy tell me that? I was champion of the world, and his daughter was gonna live in style. The wives and me, we couldn't get along, and if you can't get along, it's no good."

The door had opened, and a man in a windbreaker had walked in. He was standing in front of Willie's desk.

"How are you Willie?" he said.

"Fine," Willie said, looking up at him.

"You want to buy a TV set?"

"I already got a TV set," Willie said.

"How about a 19-inch black and white?"

"I already got a 19-inch black and white," Willie said.

"I know," the other said, "I'm the guy who's fixin' it for you."

"Oh, yeah," Willie said, "I forgot. Where is it?"

"I got it out in the car," the other said. "You want to come out, and I'll put it in your car?"

"Good," Willie said, and then to me, "Excuse me a minute. All right?"

With those quick steps he went over to the coat rack and put on a topcoat and he followed the other out. In about five minutes he was back, hanging up his topcoat and hurrying over to his desk.

"You see," he said, "I give the set to one guy to fix, and he gave it to this guy. That's why I didn't recognize this guy. I got to call my wife."

He dialed, and I could hear the ringing sound at the other end. Then the sound stopped.

"Hey!" he said into the phone. "The guy just brought the TV back. I'll bring it home tonight. What? All I know is what

the guy said. He said he fixed it. There may be a few lines in it yet, but he did the best he could. What? What do I know about TV? I don't know nothin'. All I know is the guy . . . Hey, wait a minute!"

He took the phone away from his head and held it out from himself. What I heard sounded like a recording tape being run rapidly through the player, and Willie was looking at me and shaking his head and laughing.

"Wait! Wait!" he was saying into the phone now. "Hold it! Listen to me. Oh, boy. Hey, put Missy on. Let me talk to Missy. Please?"

He waited, looking at me and shaking his head and raising his eyes and laughing.

"Hello, Missy?" he said now. "How was school? What? Yeah, I got it. What? Look, how do I know? All I know is the man said he fixed it the best . . . Hey! You sound just like your mother."

"He held the phone away from himself again. This time the pitch was higher, as if the tape was being run even more rapidly through the player, perhaps even backward.

"Missy?" he was saying into the phone again now. "Listen. Hey! Never mind. Look. I got it in the car, and I'll be home with it about five o'clock. All right? Good. Good. I'll see you."

He put the phone back on its cradle. He shook his head, and he was still smiling.

"That was my daughter," he said. "I get a couple weeks vacation, and this year I'm thinking of taking her to Disney World."

"She'll like that," I said, "so you'll enjoy it, too."

"I live within 120 miles of six race tracks," he said. "We also got dog tracks and jai alai, and I can't go. You lose a hundred, and what are you gonna do?"

"Willie," I said, "I'm going to try something on you again. You were a great artist, and . . ."

"Thank you," he said.

". . . and the rest of us are always yearning to learn how the great artist does it. Can't you recall where you learned this move or that move?"

I had tried it on him many years before, but to no avail. It is what Hans Hofmann, the late abstract expressionist painter and teacher once said, "The painterly instincts are stronger than will. In teaching, it is just the opposite. I must account for every line. One is forced to explain the inexplicable."

"Styles are funny," Willie said. "One guy's candy is another guy's poison."

"That's why no one else could really box Willie Pep's style."

"I don't know," he said. "My father wasn't athletic. He came from the old country, and he worked on construction in Middletown, but he liked sports. On the East Side I was a little kid, and I used to get whacked around."

"And run," I said.

"Right, and the Old Man said, 'Don't come home cryin', or I'll whack you around, too.' I didn't win any fights on the street, that's for sure. Then one guy, some older kid, said, 'Why don't you go to the gym? You're gettin' beat up, and you can get paid for it.'

"I got $3 in Danbury, Connecticut, in 1937. I got $5 all together but it was $2 for the license. In Norwich, Connecticut, I weighed 107, and a tall black guy from the Salem AC gets on and he's 126. I said to the guy who was managing me, 'What about this guy?' He said, 'He ain't no good, or he wouldn't be fightin' you.' "

"Ray Robinson."

"Yeah. He boxed me under the name of Ray Roberts."

"And he says that, after he got the decision, they threw him in jail overnight, because they couldn't believe an amateur could beat Willie Pep."

"But he's wrong," Willie said. "I was a nobody then, so why should they throw him in jail for beatin' me?"

"I don't know," I said, "but did you learn anything in that fight, or any fight?"

"I can't say," he said. "You see, with me, guys were always trying to hit me, and I didn't like to get hit. I didn't like to get punched, and I was very fortunate. I think I won thirty or forty straight rounds without losing a round. It just came to me. The other guy was missing, and I was punching. Instinct. I just did it. I jabbed a guy, and then I made him miss, and then I was behind him. I was blessed with a lot of things.

"Then Bill Gore came along," he said, and Bill Gore was his trainer. "I'd come back to the corner, and Bill would be the most relaxed guy. He'd wipe me off, and give me water. He was calm and he made me calm."

"How nervous were you before a fight say in the dressing room?"

"I was nervous," he said. "I sat. I walked. I wanted to get in there and get it over with. I was scared in every fight in a way, I guess."

"Can you recall anything that Bill Gore taught you?"

"He told me once, 'You jab, and you push your hand out and you step to the side and you leave your hand there.' I fought a guy in Phoenix—you could look it up—and I kept doin' that, and after the fight he was complainin', 'I don't know what's the matter with my neck. It's stiff, and it hurts.'

"Bill Gore," he said, "he told me, 'The way you talk now, you're gonna talk when you quit.' He wouldn't let me get hurt. Against Saddler, the third time, my left eye was shut tight. Bill Gore said to the referee, 'He can't continue.' I said, 'Thank you.' He died in '75 in Tampa, and they buried him in Providence, Rhode Island, and I went to the wake. He was one of the greatest trainers of all time. If he was around New York he woulda been known as the greatest."

"So how did you finally decide, after 241 fights, to finally call it quits?"

"In January of 1966," he said, "in Richmond, Virginia, they told me, 'Come down here and box an exhibition, four rounds.' The day of the fight, Bill Brennan, the commissioner of Virginia, says, 'You're boxing six rounds.' I said, 'It's supposed to be an exhibition.' He told the other guy, Calvin Woodland, 'If you don't fight, I'll suspend you.' He told me, 'I'll have you suspended everywhere.' I stayed at the Admiral Sims, in Richmond, a real nice hotel, and I was there three days and I had a big tab, so I fought the guy, and he licked me in six rounds and I packed it in."

"And then what did you do?"

"I worked for a brewery for a while, and for a car radio company for a while. Rocky Marciano was instrumental in gettin' me that job in Brockton. I was a good-will man, and then I got a job as a Tax Marshal for Connecticut, but I couldn't stand that."

"Why not?"

"I couldn't make any money, and the stories ruined me. Basically, I'm a very soft guy. I'm a sucker for a touch, and a sob story makes me cry. The job was to collect unpaid taxes, and I got paid only if I collected taxes—six per cent. After the Tax Marshal says, 'No funds,' they leave the guy alone, and I was always saying "No funds." No money for me. This one guy had a gas station outside of town here, and he owed $3,000 in taxes. I knew the guy, but I hadn't seen him in fifteen years. The guy was married, with a kid, and dead broke, and he couldn't pay his bills, so I ended up loaning him ninety bucks. That was no job for me."

"They told me I grossed close to a million," he said, "but I used to get cut fifty per cent. My father told me, 'Don't ever take anything that don't belong to you.' He couldn't read or write, but he knew right or wrong. I never hurt anybody. Maybe I did—I don't know—but I didn't mean to."

"But do you miss being in the ring?" I said. "You know, being able to box so beautifully and thrilling people and hearing the cheers and the praise."

"I don't think about it too much," said, "because I'll never have it to do again. I made a lot of mistakes, but I'm very fortunate. I came out of them."

When it was coming up 4:30, I asked him to call a cab for me, but he said he would drive me to where I could cross the street to the motel. We walked out to the parking space, and the TV set was on the passenger's side of the front seat. I got in the back, and Willie seemed small, peering out over the wheel. City-soiled snow, sand mixed into it, was banked along the curb where a half-dozen cars were backed up at

the stop light.

"Now don't cross here," he said to me, as I started to get out. "Cross at the corner. I don't want to see you get hurt."

"I never wanted to see you get hurt, either," I said.

"Thank you," he said. "Good luck."

As I approached the corner, the light changed and the cars began to move. When he passed me he waved quickly, just once, and then turned back to the wheel, and that was the last I saw of the great artist, the like of whom I'm sure I shall never see again. ■

PEP'S TITLE BOUTS

1942 DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Nov. 20	Chalky Wright (Won World Featherweight Title)	New York	W 15

1943 DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
June 8	Sal Bartolo	Boston	W 15

1944 DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Sept. 29	Chalky Wright	New York	W 15

1945 DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Feb. 19	Phil Terranova	New York	W 15

1946 DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
June 7	Sal Bartolo	New York	KO 12

1947 DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Aug. 22	Jock Leslie	Flint, Mich.	KO 12

1948 DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Feb. 24	Humberto Sierra	Miami	KO 10
Oct. 29	Sandy Saddler (Lost World Featherweight Title)	New York	KO by 4

1949 DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Feb. 11	Sandy Saddler (Regained World Featherweight Title)	New York	W 15
Sept. 20	Eddie Compo	Waterbury	KO 7

1950 DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Jan. 16	Charley Riley	St. Louis	KO 5
March 17	Ray Famechon	New York	W 15
Sept. 8	Sandy Saddler (Lost World Featherweight Title)	New York	KO by 8

1951 DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Sept. 26	Sandy Saddler (For World Featherweight Title)	New York	KO by 9

WILLIE PEP'S RING RECORD
(1940-1959, 1965-1966)

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Summary

BOUTS	WINS	LOSSES	DRAWS	KO'S
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TODAY'S 10 WORST HEAVYWEIGHTS

THE BIGGER THEY ARE, THE QUICKER THEY FALL

By MIKE MARLEY

Ever since the Federal Bureau of Investigation put together their "10 Most Wanted" list of criminals back in the '30s, Americans have been inundated with unending lists of 10: The Ten Best Dressed, The Ten Top Tunes, The Ten Leading Box Office Attractions, The Ten Top Football Teams, and on and on, ad nauseum.

Only twice has someone seen fit to poke fun at these mythical lists of "Bests" by coming up with their own lists of "Worsts" — fashion designer Blackwell in picking the Ten Worst-Dressed Women and football handicapper Steve Harvey in selecting the ten most handicapped teams in football.

It is with that same tongue-in-cheek approach that we now look at boxing's most hallowed institution, The Ten Best, by selecting our own list of Ten Worst. And to make it easier, the "magic" number of ten will deal only with heavyweights, otherwise we'd take up the whole issue.

Mike Marley is the boxing columnist for the New York Post.

You've heard of fighters getting rope burns? These guys wind up with canvas burns. They are the biggest stiffs this side of a funeral home. But rigor mortis hasn't set in on all of them. Some are just like candles; one blow and they're out. Others have been down more times than a ship with a drunken crew. You should be able to pick them out — their trunks are by Speedo, not Everlast.

Who are these "boxers?" They are the "Bottom 10," undeniably the worst heavyweights around. Take your bows, fellas, and then hit the deck. The parade of pacifists is on. These are the best losers around, hands down:

1 — Numero Uno is the sensational Alex (Edsel) Carr, a 35ish type from the tomato can capital of the world — Hartford, Conn. No one in Hartford will give a promoter ring insurance when Carr, Joe Maye or Johnny Blaine are on a card. Although he's been in the garage all this year, Carr still owns a fabulous 1-18-1 record.

He's been knocked out 18 times and that should tell you something about a fighting teacher from South Boston, Mass., named Cliff McDonald. McDonald and the 1971 model Carr battled to a four-round draw in New Bedford. I'd bet Jimmy Jacobs doesn't have that one in his Film Classics.

Carr takes losing seriously. He ran off a 17-bout streak, including 11 first-round exits. Like many of our Bottom 10 poll losers, he does his shtick under other names. If you ever hear a fighter named Lee Hunter or Al Hunter introduced, you might be getting a brief — ever so brief — look at the Edsel. Another known alias is Bill Davis.

Carr was inactive during 1973-74 but some accuse Numero Uno of being inactive since he first climbed into the ring in 1970. That was for a Beverly Hills fight against white prospect Clay Hodges. Since then, Carr's act has moved to such other exotic locales as Bayonne, Fitchburg and Jersey City.

2 — Second high man on the low totem pole is the swift Terry Lee Kidd, a white hopeless who makes Scott LeDoux look like Jack Dempsey. I know, comparisons are odious but so are many of TLK's fights. The New York-based boxer is dependable. He was, at last report, 0-9 and has only gone past round two once. He even "extended" Gerry Cooney for part of one round.

Kidd has drawn some rave reviews. Brooklyn matchmaker Johnny Bos says, "If ever a guy could sell advertising on the bottom of his shoes, it's Kidd. If there is a worse heavyweight around, I don't wanna see him."

Connecticut booker Vito Tallarita, who "discovered" the non-talent of Bottom 10 mainstays Johnny Blaine and Joe Maye, is offended by a mention of their illustrious names with Kidd. "He can't fight a lick," Vito says. "I get 3-4 calls a week for Maye. He's a good opponent. This guy is a *real* bum." (Blaine, incidentally, has knocked out Kidd, and Blaine is 3-25-3 with 22 KO losses.)

3 — Big Bill Jackson. This 220-pounder from Indianapolis is great at what he does. What he does is build up white fighters' records. He is protective padding, if you will. And Jackson will lose, as evidenced by his 2-15 mark. All losses, naturally, are by KO. Among the luminaries who have taken him out are Ron Stander (the Volkswagen Joe Frazier crashed into), Lee "Paradise Alley" Canalito and, of course, Gerry Cooney.

A midwest manager calls Jackson, "The clown prince of the squared spring board." Jackson lost to Canalito on TV's worst-ever fight card, the March 20, 1977, abortion CBS showed from Louisville. Promoter Bob Arum agreed with a critic of that program when later cornered. The critic said that Arum should be flogged with a Louisville Slugger for putting on that card which also included short subjects involving Leon and Michael Spinks. But

Jackson alone was enough to drive the promoter batty.

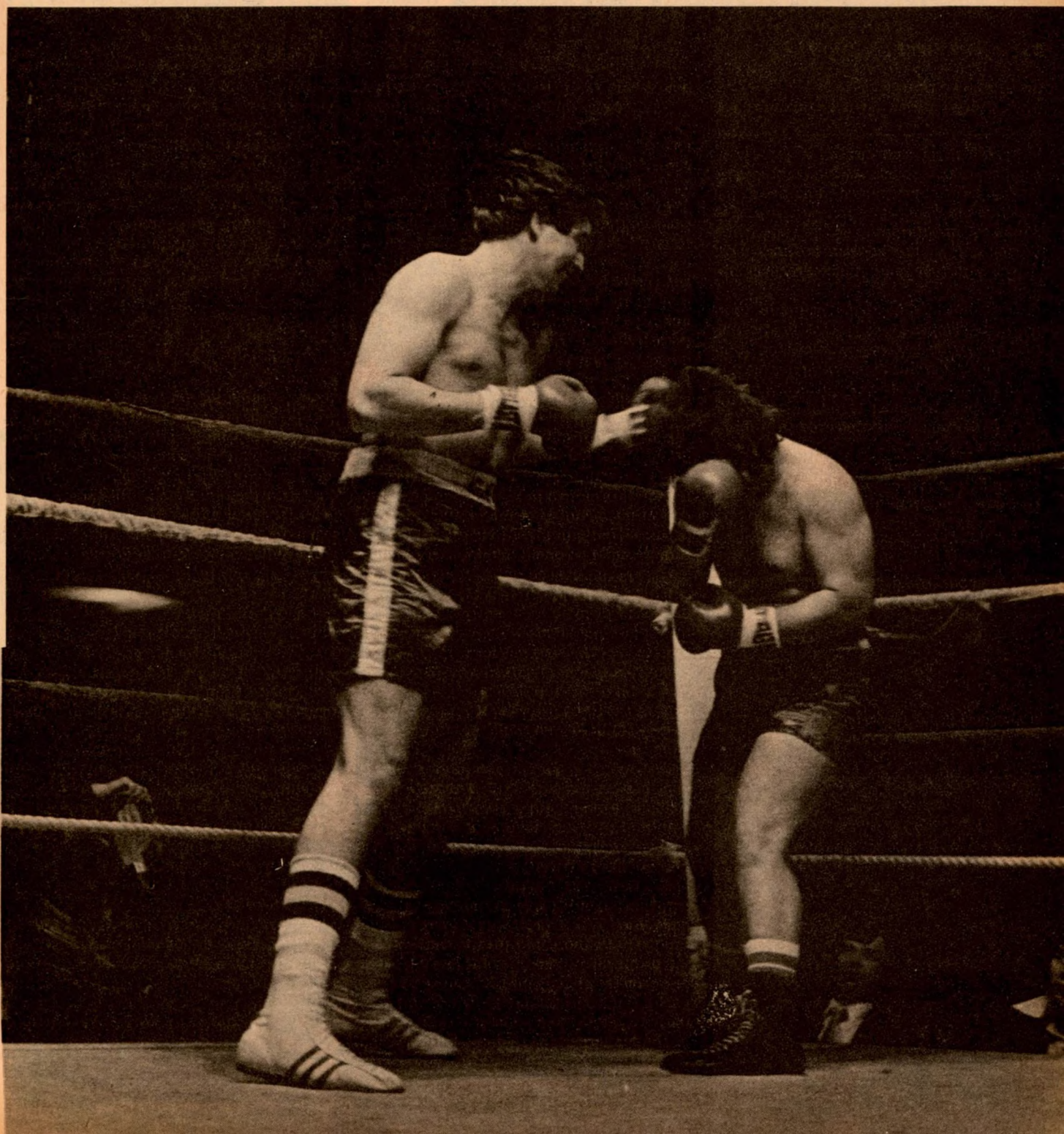
Jackson's career was going along swimmingly until March 12, 1977, when somehow he knocked out Calvin Edmonds. And then, two defeats later, victory struck Big Bill again. He beat a turning-pro bartender in Waukesha, Wis.

A midwestern fight figure offers this tribute to Jackson, an ex-semi pro football player: "He's absolutely terrible," he says. "Put a special notation next to his name. One of the funniest fights I've ever seen was when he beat this Polish bartender. The guy was about 4-9 and six foot wide. His boxing shoes looked like hip boots. Big Bill couldn't figure a way to lose. Bill is supremely confident at weigh-ins. He gets scared when the bell rings."

Another distinction Jackson has is a KO loss to Dayton's crude Tom "Roughhouse" Fisher. But our No. 4 man would chuckle at that. He's been beaten five times by Fisher.

4 — Charlie "Tuna" Jordan, our fourth selection, proves that not all tunas have good taste. The 200-pounder from Detroit turned pro in '61 and has grown from a middleweight into a full-fledged tanker.

About age 40 — give or take five years — Jordan has won one of his last 37 mismatches dating back to 1963. He often goes the distance, but his career record, including a five-year hiatus, is 12-42-2.



Terry Lee Kidd, number two on Ring's "Non-Hit Parade," takes a left to the head from Gerry Cooney. The fight was over after only 20 seconds of the first round. However, Kidd put up a great fight while it lasted.

However, on the plus side, he has only been knocked out 12 times.

Once handled by Elliott Harvith, the poison pen who created the mythical Jewish heavyweight Sol "Bagel Boy" Nazerman, Jordan comes recommended very lowly. Scouting report is: "Gray hair and all, the Tuna is pathetic. He has high blood pressure and is 5-8. He has no desire and no pride."

What more could a promoter ask for?

5 and 6 — Joe Maye (3-42, KO'd by 15) and Johnny Blaine (3-25-3, KO'd by 22) are an entry. They're from the Tallarita stable in Hartford and Bridgeport.

In their defense — and both could use some — listen to what Tallarita, himself, says of them:

"There is plenty of worse heavyweights," he claims. "They both love boxing, especially Blaine. He doesn't miss a day in the gym. He don't realize he's not going anywhere. Both of them came out of Somers prison on the work release program. They feel it (boxing) is better than going out to work for a living.

"Joe is 33-34, he's just an opponent," Tallarita said. "Johnny never had too much ability. He just can't fight that much. To him, getting into the ring is a big thing."

That says a lot for Biff Cline, who was stopped by Blaine on June 26, 1976, in Providence; a loss which somehow found its way into record books as a "no contest."

7 — Al "Thunder" Byrd (2-17, KO'd by 13) is our choice for seventh spot. The Byrdman is out of Greensboro, N.C. and the only blemishes on his record are KO's over Billie Howard and Ted Hamilton. Hamilton fits the bill since his overall log is a nifty 2-15, with all losses by knockout. And Howard is a legitimate 1-13-1 with 13 KO losses.

You saw him on national TV against Mike Dokes on the Foreman-Dennis card. Don King can really pick them for his fighters. Byrd's style is half-spring, half back-pedal.

8 — Robert Reynosa, from San Antonio, really earned his spot in the Hall of Shame. Not only is he 1-15-1 with a lucky 13 KO defeats, but he made fistic history, of sorts, being belted out three times in four days in 1977. He was wasted in Wichita, rested one night, was toppled in Topeka and then beaten in Oklahoma City. This 190-pounder can do it all!

And, if you're a schizophrenic, then you'll have company if Roberto is around. He has done his routine under the name Juanito Fernandez. And he may be coming to your town soon. He's from that stable of stiffs operated by Blackie Ramon, who, collectively, avoid victory at all costs.

9 — Sylvester Wilder (4-36, 19 KO's) is steady if unspectacular. Currently riding a 29-fight losing streak, this Cleveland "boxer" is taking dead aim at welterweight Jerry Powers' record of 81 successive defeats. Can you top or lower that?

10 — To round out our list, we give you Verlee Price who just crashed the ratings. But this veteran from Abilene, Tex., shows form which could move him up right to the top of the Bottom 10. We can only find six defeats — all by KO — but there must be more. The Price is right when Verlee appears in such fistic centers as Shreveport, Marshall, Tex., and Denver.

His record has real international flavor: He has been knocked out by an Englishman (Bob Hazelton), a Tongan (Fili Moala), and Mexican medical student (Dr. Ismael Ruiz).

There you have it, from the bottom of the boxing barrel. But, lest we forget, special (dis)honorable mentions go to:

Mark Meneeley — only 0-3 but he's the only known heavyweight who lives in a car. Gave the Nevada Commission his license plate number as an address. Sleeps in his car, dozes in the ring.

J.D. McCauley — His cousin is Billy "Dynamite" Douglas, but McCauley is a dud. High-percentage fighter with 2-18 record. Inactivity hurts. Has only fought — and lost — five times in last six years.

Bubba Darnell — whoever he is. He lost to Billie Howard, thus putting Billie in column for the first time in his career, the win knocking Billie out of contention for Bottom 10 slot.

The California Commission, showing no sense of humor, has weeded out a lot of their potential Bottom 10 types by jerking their licenses. But the least dangerous guy on the West Coast could be Dangerous Dan Johnson. He can fight, but often isn't in the mood. The Western states, excluding Texas, just don't make stiffs like they used to.

A salute to the stiffs. Without them, what white heavyweight could be undefeated? And, without them, Tom Fisher and Gerry Cooney would have to fight each other. ■

Rare photograph shows Terry Lee Kidd with his arms raised in the air. Victory? Of course not. Terry was just loosening up before a loss.

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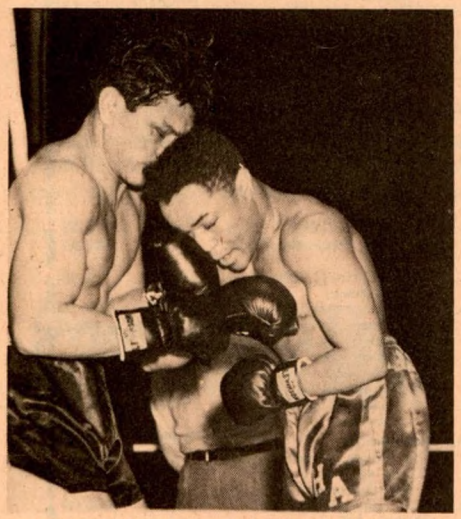

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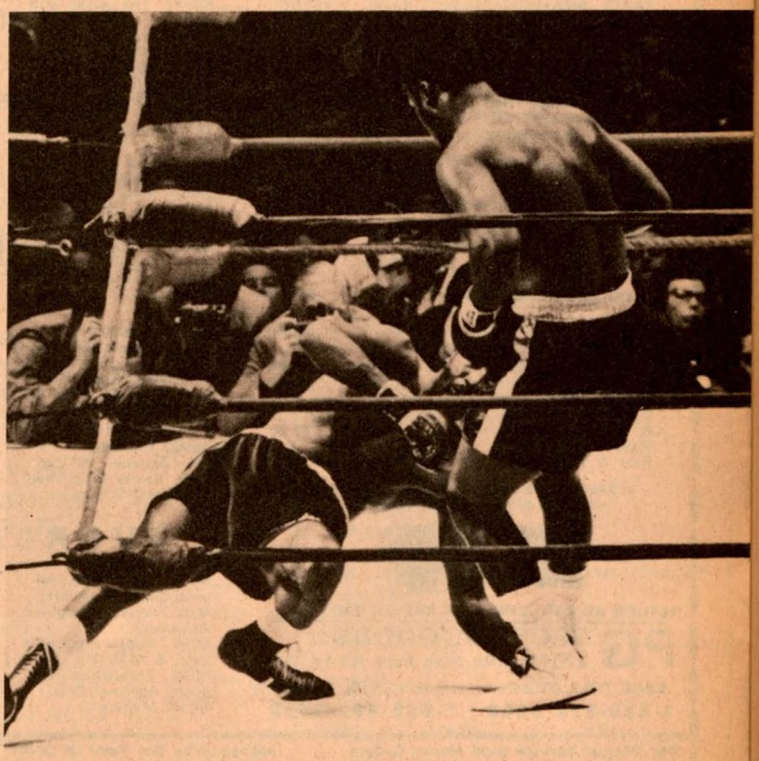

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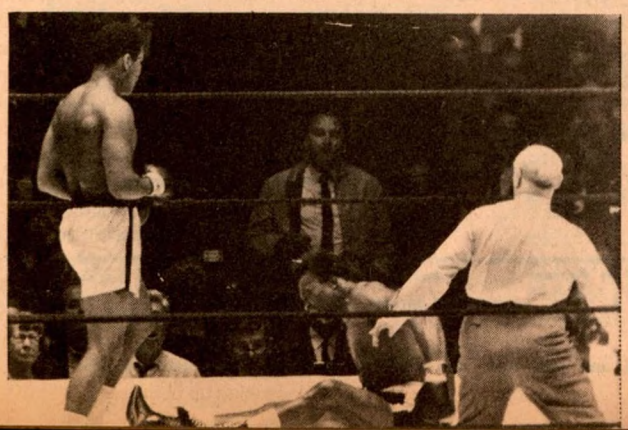

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- ☐ WILFRED BENITEZ
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A FORMER CHAMPION ANALYZES THE RUMORS AND HIS CHANCES

THE MONZON "COMEBACK"

By Jose Torres

It is not strange for a fighter, especially for one who has reached the pinnacle to call it "quits" once he has acquired the forbidden age — 30-plus. And it is equally not unusual for that same fighter to come back to his boxing roots once life becomes depressing and boring outside the ring lights, where he has experienced the screaming of thousands of people in unison, and that special feeling when the referee raises your hand and an announcer yells to the world your triumph.

Every fighter who has tasted ultimate victory knows that. That subjective combination of ego, pride and dignity comes together in those nights of unquestionable victory. That experience is unique, one not to be forgotten, even by time.

So a retired fighter finds himself struggling with this dilemma as soon as his better senses notify him that the time is near — when his legs and his arms, his brains and his eyes will collectively lose that most important quality known as coordination. Some can anticipate this condition, just as they can predict when the next punch is coming; others don't. For this is a problem not easy to discern, not even by the man himself. It will forever be an enigma that experts find impossible to explain.

Jose Torres is the former light heavyweight champion and co-author of ". . . Sting like a Bee."

When world middleweight king Carlos Monzon decided to hang up his gloves on August 29, 1977, it was a sad moment for me, personally, and I'm sure for many others who respect the art that A.J. Liebling once called "The Sweet Science."

He was then 35, perhaps too old to perform half-naked in the world's rings, but "a kid" in a world of show business. After all, here was a truly great fighter with the looks of a movie star and a handsome face recognizable in many parts of the universe. Not a bad start in the business of booze, gorgeous girls and charming hustlers for the great champion.

Barney Ross did it; Sugar Ray did it; Joe Frazier did it and Muhammad Ali tried it. I even sang on the Ed Sullivan Show and performed (with rather a mediocre voice) at the Paramount theater on Broadway for a couple of weeks for good money. Why not the marvel of Argentina?

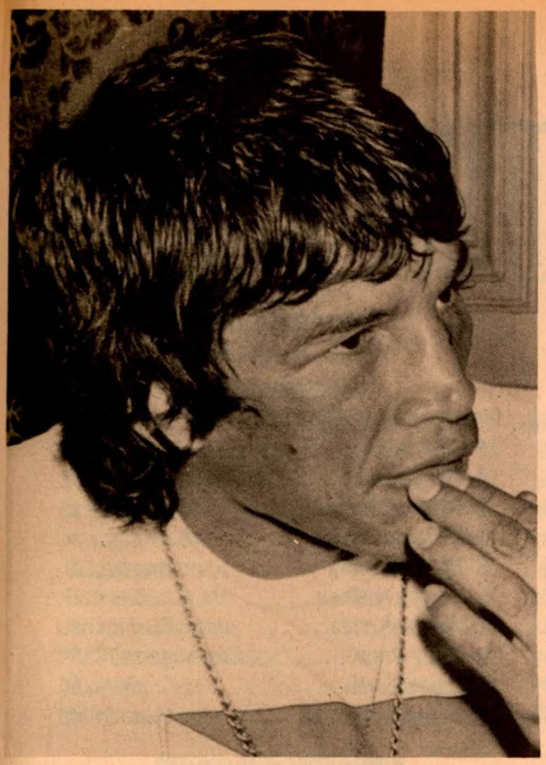
Well, after two years and two months of a rather awkward life in show business, Monzon has hinted that a comeback to the ring is inevitable.

No one but Monzon knows the real reason for his potential return. But a speculation is proper and in order. One that immediately suggests itself is that mysterious force which is constantly begging you to fight. A voice says: "Come on man, you are the best. There is no one in that division who can beat you. Do it for you and your family; for your people and your country. Do it for the pride of the game itself. Do it, please. Ah!" the voice probably would say in this particular case, "do it for $1,000,000."

If Monzon, like the majority of us have done, had made an intellectual decision to retire when in fact he did, but had not dealt with it emotionally, then those forces on his psyche have a good chance to defeat him. The intellectual vs. the emotional conflict becomes a mismatch, with the emotional forces finally overwhelming what the common man calls practical forces.

And for a champion this is a paradox. For what makes the difference between a champion and the ordinary fighter is simply that the one with championship material has much better control over his emotions than his colleagues.

The first time I saw Monzon fight was against Nino Benvenuti. I was immediately impressed. I saw in Monzon the first clear evidence of the emotional detachment that produces champions. At once he became my favorite fighter among the heavy



Monzon the Boxer flourishing a right hand to win the middleweight championship in a bout with Nino Benvenuti via a knockout in the 12th round in Rome. (far left)

divisions. He looked like the classic fighter: He stood straight-up, left hand in front of him with his left shoulder somewhat raised to protect his jaw, and the right hand always cocked, ready to fire at the sight of the first opening. He threw jabs, one-two combinations; he threw a left hook followed by a straight right; he threw double right hand punches (to the body then to the head), and he evaded attacks just like any other fighter. For anyone who knows the business, there is nothing spectacular about the above-mentioned stance or series of punches that Monzon carried with him as a fighter. His magic as a great pugilist rests in that important muscle he trained and developed — his brains.

His announcement to return pleases me. If he's determined to come back and to win, it will be difficult to stop him. He was one of the very few 100 per cent fighters I've ever seen. If he comes back with 75 per cent of what he used to be, you'd better watch it! No fighter in his division has reached that level yet. Now is the time for him to make it. Like me, he probably knows that the term "Old Age" is relative and ill-defined. If he has the interest, the desire, and he honestly believes that he can make it back, I see him as a champ once again.

One trouble he may confront is the different bureaucracies involved in the business. Both the World Boxing Council and the World Boxing Association have laws and regulations. Like any other bureaucracy, the WBA/WBC, may enforce them and prevent boxing from getting back a great champion.

They want Monzon to work his way up to get a crack at the crown he abandoned with dignity and class. They may impede the boxing community from seeing once again a magical performer.

The only consideration the WBC and WBA should impose on Monzon is that he is in good physical condition, that his health matches that physical condition and that he's ready and willing to compete in the profession in which he once showed he was the best in the world. Once that is certified, the former champ should not be forced to do anything other than fight whomever is the champion when he, Monzon, comes back. A man with 14 years of experience under his belt; a man whose only losses were suffered during his first 20 fights and then went undefeated for the next 13 years and 82 fights; a man who, for seven years, ruled the middleweigt division as he saw fit, this man is too special and too exceptional to be treated ordinarily.

For unique superstars like Carlos Monzon, there should be unique consideration. The best should be matched against the best. And Carlos Monzon has never shown us that he's anything *less* than the absolute best! ■

Monzon the Actor flashing a pistoled right to win the girl in a bed bout with Melisa Longo in the movie "El Macho". (below)

WORLD RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
(over 175 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1 **Larry Holmes**** . . . . . Easton, Pa.
2 **Gerrie Coetzee** . . . . . South Africa
3 **Earnie Shavers** . . . . . Warren, Ohio
4 **John Tate** . . . . . Knoxville, Tenn.
5 **Mike Weaver** . . . . . Los Angeles
6 **Leroy Jones** . . . . . Denver, Colo.
7 **Lorenzo Zanon** . . . . . Italy
8 **Ken Norton** . . . . . San Diego, Calif.
9 **Alfredo Evangelista** . . . . . Spain
10 **Scott LeDoux** . . . . . Minneapolis, Minn.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(not over 175 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION

VICTOR GALINDEZ* . . . . . Argentina
1 **Matthew Saad Muhammad**
(Matthew Franklin) . . . Philadelphia, Pa.
2 **Marvin Johnson** . . . . . Indianapolis, Ind.
3 **Alvaro (Yaqui) Lopez** . . . . Stockton, Cal.
4 **John Conteh** . . . . . England
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(not over 160 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION

VITO ANTUOFERMO . . . . . Italy
1 **Marvin Hagler** . . . . . Brockton, Mass.
2 **Hugo Corro** . . . . . Argentina
3 **Alan Minter** . . . . . England
4 **Ronnie Harris** . . . . . Akron, Ohio
5 **Mike Colbert** . . . . . Portland, Ore.
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10 **David Love** . . . . . San Diego, Cal.

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 154 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION

MASASHI KUDO* . . . . . Japan
1 **Ayub Kalule** . . . . . Uganda
2 **Maurice Hope**** . . . . . England
3 **Rocky Mosley, Jr.** . . . . . Las Vegas, Nev.
4 **Frank Wissenbach** . . . . . Germany
5 **Rocky Mattioli** . . . . . Australia
6 **Tony Chiaverini** . . . . . Kansas City, Mo.
7 **Sandy Torres** . . . . . Puerto Rico
8 **Marijan Benes** . . . . . Yugoslavia
9 **Gert Steyn** . . . . . South Africa
10 **Andoni Amana** . . . . . Spain

WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 147 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION

WILFRED BENITEZ** . . . . . Puerto Rico
1 **Jose (Pipino) Cuevas*** . . . . . Mexico
2 **Ray Leonard** . . . . . Palmer Park, Md.
3 **Roberto Duran** . . . . . Panama
4 **Thomas Hearns** . . . . . Detroit, Mich.
5 **Pete Ranzany** . . . . . Sacramento, Cal.
6 **Jorgen Hansen** . . . . . Denmark
7 **Angel Espada** . . . . . Puerto Rico
8 **Andy Price** . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
9 **David Green** . . . . . England
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JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 140 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION

ANTONIO CERVANTES* . . . . . Colombia
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2 **Sang-Hyung Kim**** . . . . . South Korea
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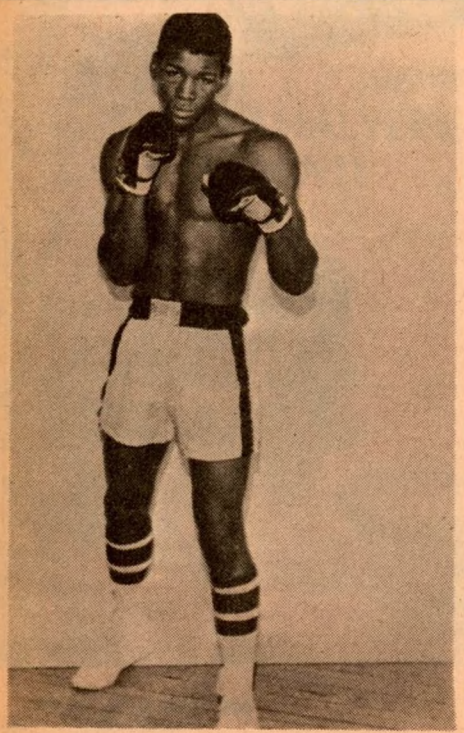

Matthew Saad Muhammad Fighter of the Month

WBC light heavyweight champion Matthew Saad Muhammad wins this month's honor for his outstanding come-from-behind title victory over John Conteh. Despite suffering a nasty cut above his left eye late in round five and being frustrated by Conteh's classy left jab throughout most of the bout, Muhammad finished strong in the final two rounds — knocking Conteh down twice in the 14th round — to capture a close but unanimous decision.

Runner-ups are: Sugar Ray Leonard, for his fourth-round stoppage of highly-ranked Pete Ranzany; Sandy Torres, for his sixth-round knockout of European junior middleweight king Marijan Benes; Ernesto Espana, for his stoppage of previously unbeaten Johnny Lira in a thrilling bout; Hilmer Kenty, who had to pick himself off the canvas to defeat tough Ralph Racine by decision; and Juan Alvarez, who won a 10-round decision over ex-world bantamweight king Alfonso Zamora.

HEAVYWEIGHTS: Zanon's draw with unranked Alfio Righetti drops him to seventh. Norton's draw with Scott LeDoux drops him to eighth and allows LeDoux to move into the 10th spot.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS: No changes.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS: Previously inactive Ronnie Harris returns to action with a shutout decision over Bobby Patterson and moves to number four.

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS: Angel Espada exits to re-enter the welterweight division. European junior middleweight champion Marijan Benes drops to eighth after being knocked out by Sandy Torres, who moves in at seven.

WELTERWEIGHTS: Carlos Palomino's retirement makes room for Angel Espada, who is going into a third title fight against Pipino Cuevas. Manuel Jimenez falls to 10 off his loss to Ruby Ortiz.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS: No changes.

LIGHTWEIGHTS: WBA champion Ernesto Espana becomes the world's top

WORLD RATINGS

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 135 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1 **Ernesto Espana*** . . . . . Venezuela
2 **Jim Watt**** . . . . . Scotland
3 **Claude Noel** . . . . . Trinidad, W.I.
4 **Julio Valdez** . . . . . Dominican Rep.
5 **Johnny Lira** . . . . . Chicago, Ill.
6 **Howard Davis** . . . . . Glen Cove, N.Y.
7 **Jorge Morales** . . . . . Puerto Rico
8 **Vilomar Fernandez** . . . . Dominican Rep.
9 **Aaron Pryor** . . . . . Cincinnati, Ohio
10 **Hilmer Kenty** . . . . . Detroit, Mich.

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 126 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
DANNY LOPEZ** . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.

1 **Eusebio Pedroza**** . . . . . Panama
2 **Reuben Castillo** . . . . . Bakersfield, Calif.
3 **Roberto Castanon** . . . . . Spain
4 **Cecilio Lastra** . . . . . Spain
5 **Mike Ayala** . . . . . San Antonio, Texas
6 **Juan Malvarez** . . . . . Argentina
7 **Eddie Ndukwu** . . . . . Nigeria
8 **Hector Carrasquilla** . . . . . Panama
9 **Salvador Sanchez** . . . . . Mexico
10 **Abdul Bey** . . . . . Honolulu, Hawaii

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(not over 118 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
JORGE LUJAN* . . . . . Panama

1 **Lupe Pintor**** . . . . . Mexico
2 **Carlos Zarate** . . . . . Mexico
3 **Alberto Davila** . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
4 **Juan F. Rodriguez** . . . . . Spain
5 **Roberto Rubaldino** . . . . . Mexico
6 **Oscar Muniz** . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
7 **Ricardo Bennett** . . . . . Panama
8 **Julian Solis** . . . . . Puerto Rico
9 **Andres Hernandez** . . . . . Puerto Rico
10 **Juan Alvarez** . . . . . Mexico

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 130 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
SAMUEL SERRANO* . . . . . Puerto Rico

1 **Alexis Arguello**** . . . . . Nicaragua
2 **Frankie Baltazar** . . . . Los Angeles, Cal.
3 **Bobby Chacon** . . . . . Los Angeles, Cal.
4 **Rafael (Bazooka) Limon** . . . . . Mexico
5 **Rodolfo Sanchez** . . . . . Spain
6 **Victor Echegaray** . . . . . Argentina
7 **Greg Coverson** . . . . . Columbus, Ohio
8 **Roberto Elizondo** . . . Corpus Christi, Tex.
9 **Arturo Leon** . . . . . Tucson, Ariz.
10 **Carlos Hernandez** . . . . . Spain

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 122 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
WILFREDO GOMEZ** . . . . . Puerto Rico

1 **Ricardo Cardona*** . . . . . Colombia
2 **Nicky Perez** . . . . . Tucson, Ariz.
3 **Jose Caba** . . . . . Dominican Rep.
4 **Juan (Kid) Meza** . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
5 **Soon Yun Chung** . . . . . South Korea
6 **Sergio Palma** . . . . . Argentina
7 **Javier Flores** . . . . . Salt Lake City, Utah
8 **Leo Cruz** . . . . . Dominican Rep.
9 **Shuchi Isogami** . . . . . Japan
10 **Baba Jiminez** . . . . . Colombia

FLYWEIGHTS
(not over 112 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
CHAN-HEE PARK** . . . . . South Korea

1 **Yoko Gushiken** . . . . . Japan
2 **Betulio Gonzalez*** . . . . . Venezuela
3 **Miguel Canto** . . . . . Mexico
4 **Guty Espadas** . . . . . Mexico
5 **Sung-Jun Kim** . . . . . South Korea
6 **Charlie Magri** . . . . . England
7 **Joey Olivo** . . . . . Los Angeles
8 **Shoji Oguma** . . . . . Japan
9 **Netrnoi Vorasingh** . . . . . Thailand
10 **Rey Melendez** . . . . Dominican Republic

lightweight with an impressive defense against highly-regarded Johnny Lira. Ninth and 10th rated Alfredo Pitalua and Masahira Yokai (the latter has moved into the junior welterweight division) drop out, making room for two unbeaten Americans, Aaron Pryor and Hilmer Kenty.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS: Arturo Leon drops to nine off his loss to Robert Elizondo, who enters in the number eight spot.

FEATHERWEIGHTS: Royal Kobayashi, who lost to Hikaru Tomonari, and aging Ruben Olivares slide out of the ratings, making room for Salvador Sanchez and Abdul Bey.

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS: No changes.

BANTAMWEIGHTS: Alfonso Zamora exits after being decisioned by Juan Alvarez, who enters.

FLYWEIGHTS: Sung-Jun Kim moves to the number five slot off his recent victory over Sinoy Carupo in defense of his WBC junior flyweight title.

THE RING RATINGS 25 YEARS AGO

HEAVYWEIGHTS
World Champion
Rocky Marciano, Brockton, Mass.
1. Nino Valdes, Cuba
2. Don Cockell, England
3. Ezzard Charles, Cincinnati, O.
4. Jimmy Slade, New York, N.Y.
5. Roland LaStarza, New York
6. Tommy Jackson, New York
7. Heinz Neuhaus, Germany
8. Bob Baker, Pittsburgh, Pa.
9. Earl Walls, Toronto, Canada
10. Dan Bucceroni, Philadelphia, Pa.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
World Champion
Archie Moore, St. Louis, Mo.
1. Harold Johnson, Philadelphia
2. Joey Maxim, Cleveland, O.
3. Paul Andrews, Buffalo, N.Y.
4. Floyd Patterson, Brooklyn
5. Billy Smith, Atlantic City, N.J.
6. Bob Satterfield, Chicago, Ill.
7. Gerhard Hecht, Germany
8. Yolande Pompey, Trinidad
9. Willie Hoepner, Germany
10. Jacques Hairabedian, France

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
World Champion
Carl (Bobo) Olson, Honolulu, T.H.
1. Joey Giardello, Philadelphia
2. Holly Mims, Washington, D.C.
3. Rocky Castellani, Cleveland, O.
4. Tiberio Mitri, Italy
5. Pierre Langlois, France
6. Willie Troy, Washington, D.C.
7. Georgie Johnson, Trenton, N.J.
8. Eduardo Lausse, Argentina
9. Bobby Jones, Oakland, Calif.
10. Gustav Scholz, Germany

WELTERWEIGHTS
World Champion
Kid Gavilan, Havana, Cuba
1. Carmen Basilio, Syracuse, N.Y.
2. Del Flanagan, St. Paul, Minn.
3. Ramon Fuentes, Los Angeles
4. Freddy Dawson, Chicago, Ill.
5. Johnny Saxton, Brooklyn, N.Y.
6. Chico Varona, Cuba
7. Vince Martinez, Patterson, N.J.
8. Al Andrews. Superior, Wisc.
9. Tony DeMarco, Boston, Mass.
10. Wally Thom, England

LIGHTWEIGHTS
World Champion
Paddy DeMarco, Brooklyn, N.Y.
1. James Carter, New York, N.Y.
2. Orlando Zulueta, Cuba
3. Arthur Persley, Red Crosse, La.
4. Ralph Dupas, New Orleans, La.
5. Johnny Gonsalves, Oakland
6. Cisco Andrade, Compton, Calif.
7. Wallace (Bud) Smith, Cincinnati
8. Duilio Loi, Italy
9. Frankie Ryff, New York, N.Y.
10. Georgie Araujo, Providence

FEATHERWEIGHTS
World Champion
Sandy Saddler, New York, N.Y.
1. Perry Bassett, Philadelphia, Pa.
2. Ray Famechon, France
3. Jean Sneyers, Belgium
4. Teddy Davis, Hartford, Conn.
5. Lulu Perez, Brooklyn, N.Y.
6. Hogan (Kid) Bassey, Nigeria
7. Ciro Morasen, Cuba
8. Baby Ortiz, Mexico
9. Carmelo Costa, Brooklyn, N.Y.
10. Shigeji Kaneko, Japan

BANTAMWEIGHTS
World Champion
Robert Cohen, France
1. Chamrern Songkitrat, Thailand
2. Pierre Cossemyns, Belgium
3. Mario D'Agata, Italy
4. Raton Macias, Mexico
5. Andre Valignat, France
6. Nate Brooks, Cleveland, O.
7. Hilaire Pratesi, France
8. Pappy Gault, Spartanburg, S.C.
9. Gaetano Annaloro, Italy
10. Fili Nava, Mexico

FLYWEIGHTS
World Champion
Yoshio Shirai, Japan
1. Leo Espinosa, Philippines
2. Tanny Campo, Philippines
3. Pascual Perez, Argentina
4. Dai Dower, Wales
5. Jake Tuli, South Africa
6. Young Martin, Spain
7. Eric Marsden, England
8. Nazzareno Gianelli, Italy
9. Terry Allen, England
10. Antonio Diaz, II, Spain

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NEW FACES

Clinton Jackson spent 10 years searching for gold. He came close to finding it in 1972, but prospectors grabbed it from him at "Semi-final Hill" in Munich, Germany. He came close again in 1976, but lost his way at "Quarter-final Creek" in Montreal, Canada. For nearly three more years Jackson dug in and fought his way towards the gold that had for so long eluded him. Finally, last August 3, the southpaw from Evergreen, Alabama, gave up his dream of an Olympic title and the gold that accompanies it. Clinton Jackson now seeks the green that goes along with a professional world title.

Jackson's new dream does not end with the winning of a single professional championship.

"Clint wants to compete at the welterweight, junior middleweight and middleweight levels," said his manager, Stan Allen, a Nashville, Tennessee, attorney. "He'd like to hold all three titles simultaneously, just like Henry Armstrong did." Unfortunately, the rules that govern boxing today dictate that a champion cannot hold two or more world titles simultaneously. Clint Jackson will have to settle for winning, defending and holding one title at a time.

That is something his trainer, Ted Mosley, doesn't think Jackson will have any problem doing.

"He's going to be better than (Sugar Ray) Leonard or that (Howard) Davis kid," said Mosley, who lives in Mobile, Alabama, nearly 400 miles from Nashville Tennessee, where Jackson trains and also works as a deputy sheriff.

According to Allen, Jackson will be an active fighter.

"We'd like him to fight at least once, maybe twice a month until he has about a dozen fights under his belt," said Allen. Then we'll go after the contenders. He'll surely be ready for them at that time. Many of the amateur champions he fought and beat were as good as many of today's professionals. Realistically, it's going to take us 12 to 18 months before we go for the title."

Allen and Jackson have known each other for several years, as both have been highly involved in amateur boxing around the Nashville area for years; Allen as a referee and running shows, Jackson in developing boxing teams for the Sheriff's Department. Keeping youngsters from a life of crime and the rehabilitation of inmates is something Jackson wants to do long after his boxing days are finished.

Jackson chose Allen to be his manager when the two were sitting around and talking of Jackson's future as a professional fighter.

"He asked me if I would help him negotiate a professional contract with some managers around the country," explained Allen. "Well, one thing led to another, and finally he said, 'Why don't you manage me?' I told him, 'What do I know about being the manager of a professional fighter?' He just laughed and said, 'You'll learn!' So, here we are."

When Clinton Jackson won an easy four-round decision over Mexico's Rafael Corona for professional victory number one, he cashed in 206 amateur fights, a long list of amateur championships and the quest for a gold medal, in the hope they will pay off in at least one professional world title. ■

JACKSON'S RING RECORD

Height: 5'11" **Weight:** 147-155 lbs. **Born:** May 20, 1954
Amateur Record: 191-15 (140 knockout)

1979

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Aug. 3	Rafael Corona	Santa Monica	W 4
Aug. 28	James Wallace	Memphis	KO 2

Summary

BOUTS	WINS	LOSSES	DRAWS	KO'S
2	2	0	0	1

There are many fighters to whom boxing is purely a business. Their philosophy is "Work hard, make lots of money and get out." **Hilmer James Kenty** does not belong to that fraternity.

"Boxing is my life," says the native of Columbus, Ohio. "I want to be a world champion, and will make all the sacrifices necessary to become one."

Boxing is indeed his life. For eight hours a day he trains boxers in his job as a Recreational Leader for the Ohio Youth Commission. After work he heads for Detroit's Kronk Gymnasium. There, Emanuel Steward, the man who has guided Thomas Hearns into contention for a piece of the welterweight title, works at molding the 5'11" Kenty into the future lightweight champion.

"You're going to hear a lot about Kenty in the months to come," said Steward. "He is an excellent boxer with all the equipment to become a world titleholder. He is world championship material right now."

New Faces are not supposed to be "world championship material." But after only two years professional experience and 14 victories, Kenty cannot possibly be called "a seasoned veteran." One year ago he was a six-round fighter. Today he is a world-class contender.

"Hilmer's progress has been phenomenal," explained Steward. "He has a vast amount of talent, and he learns quickly. He is farther along at this stage than any fighter I have ever seen."

The reason must be because of Kenty's long and outstanding amateur career, which saw him win 104 out of 136 fights. In 1972 he was the Olympic Trials runner-up in the bantamweight class, and a finalist in the 1976 Olympic Trials. After losing a split-decision to Sugar Ray Leonard in 1973 for a National Golden Gloves title, Kenty came back to win National AAU championships the next two years.

Kenty began his professional career in October 1977, and fought his way to five victories before putting his career in the hands of Steward.

"It was the best move I ever made," said Kenty. "Emanuel has taken me and improved every facet of my offense and defense. He has even helped improve my punching power." In his last nine bouts, Kenty has halted seven opponents, which has gained him notoriety as a knockout puncher.

"I am a boxer first, then a slugger," stated Kenty. "I like to use my head and fight with some strategy, rather than coming out and banging away. If a knockout comes, fine. If not, I'll be around at the end still punching."

Such was the case in his August 2 victory against tough and talented Ralph Racine. After nine rounds of all-out battle which saw both youngsters hit the canvas several times, Kenty went up on his toes in the 10th and final round to outbox Racine and capture the decision. Steward calls the fight "the most exciting one I have ever seen."

The fight against Racine showed that Kenty has first-class boxing ability. It showed he has explosive punching power. It also showed he has the strength and courage to pick himself off the floor when hurt and fight back even harder. ■

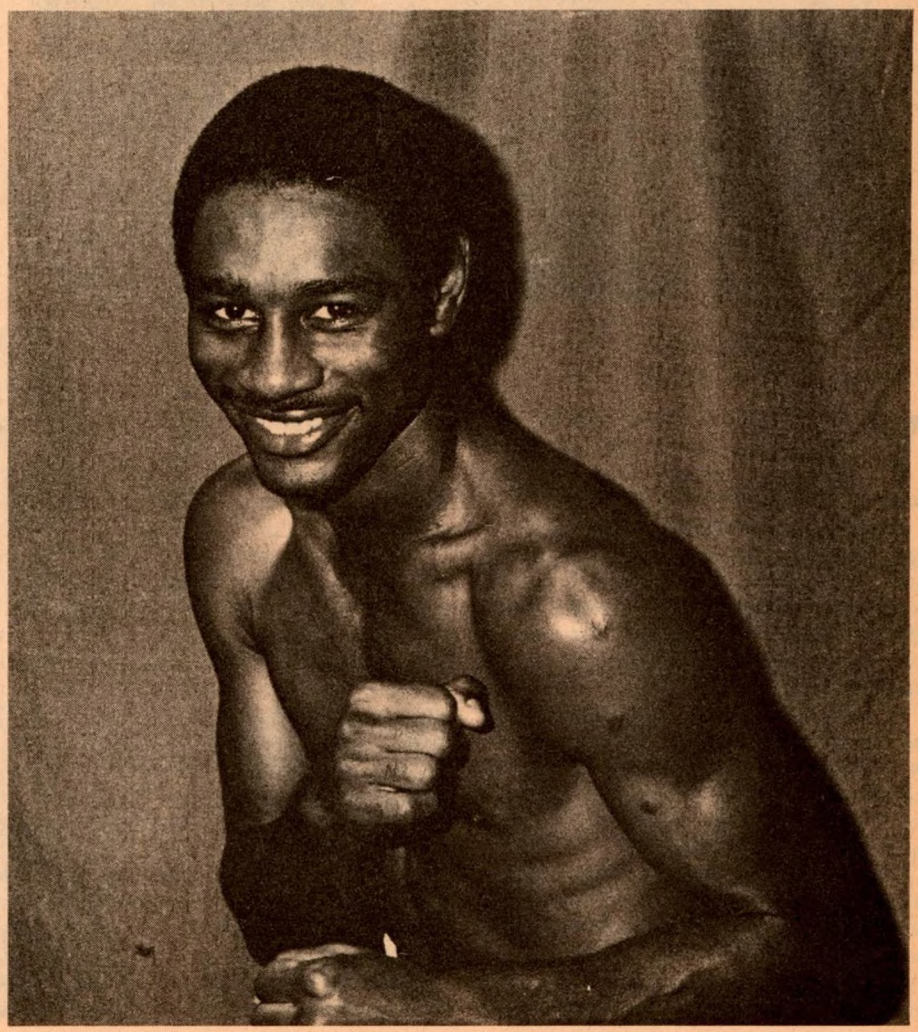
Apparently, Hilmer Kenty has everything. Expect him to become the first of Ring's *New Faces* to at least challenge for a world championship.

KENTY'S RING RECORD

1977 DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT	
Oct. 13	Steve Holman	Columbus	W	6
Nov. 26	Ray Carrington	Columbus	KO	2
Dec. 16	Earl Stringer	Detroit	KO	3
1978				
Apr. 17	Mike Gray	Columbus	KO	2
July 27	Ron Pettigrew	Canton	W	6
Oct. 26	Jessie Rogers	Detroit	KO	1
Dec. 9	Eddie Murray	Detroit	KO	3
1979				
Jan. 11	Jose Pena	Detroit	KO	3
Jan. 25	Jose Gonzales	Detroit	KO	7
Mar. 3	Alberto Herrera	Detroit	KO	4
May 8	Danny Benitez	Detroit	KO	4
June 28	Arturo Leon	Detroit	W	10
Aug. 2	Ralph Racine	Detroit	W	10
Aug. 23	Bobby Flores	Detroit	KO	1

Summary

BOUTS	WINS	LOSSES	DRAWS	KO'S
14	14	0	0	10



You can call him Joe, or you can call Jose, but whatever you call him, him you should also call him talented.

Jose Nieto, born in the Bronx, New York, not quite 25 years ago, is among the most popular and talented of New York's fierce young breed of lighter weight fighters now moving through the four and six round class and heading for world-class recognition.

"I feel I'm ready to begin my move up the ladder," Nieto told *The Ring* a few days before destroying Monito Jimenez in the seventh round in New York's Felt Forum. It was his 11th victory in as many fights, and his ninth knockout.

"I'm learning all the time, and sincerely believe I will one day be champion of the super bantamweight division and hopefully the featherweight division." Nieto has no trouble making the 122-pound super bantamweight limit, and says he can also scale the featherweight limit of 126 pounds without effort.

One of 14 children, Nieto was the one who could not keep his fist off other people's noses.

"I was always getting into fights," he recalled. "I grew up in a rough area of Honduras, where I moved with my family when I was four. When I was 10, I moved back to the Bronx with my aunt. She tried her best to keep me out of trouble, but just couldn't. Finally, she put me in a home for boys, thinking it would straighten me out. It didn't. The kids were all like me, and every day I was getting into fights. When I became of age, I joined the Marines. After a few fights there, somebody suggested I join the boxing team. I did, and became good at it. I was base champ, division champ and selected to the All-Marine team."

After his discharge, Nieto continued swinging his fists. He won Spanish Gloves and New York Golden Gloves titles as a bantamweight in 1976 and 1977. Then he turned professional under the management of Adonis Torres and the training of Maximo Pierret. His opposition is carefully being selected by advisor Johnny Bos, who says, "Each fight is helping Joe develop into a world class fighter. Each one presents a new test and a new challenge."

One of Nieto's biggest challenges was against tough Dominican Leo Lopez, in the Felt Forum last June. It was a fight which tested Nieto's stamina to the fullest.

Early in the second round, Lopez glued his back to the ropes and covered up, hoping Nieto would punch himself out. It didn't happen. Following his prey to the ropes, Nieto began firing shot after shot against Lopez' arms and body. When Lopez retaliated with a flurry to Nieto's head, it only angered Nieto and spurred him to punch faster, harder and more often. After Lopez collapsed under the barrage in the fourth round, Nieto said, "I was just getting warmed up!"

Nieto, who runs up to six miles a day during the week and as many as 12 miles per day on weekends, is currently attending Manhattan Community College, where he is studying for a degree in health education.

"I am a really good swimmer and I enjoy playing soccer," stated Nieto, "but boxing is where my heart is at."

You can call him Joe, or you can call him Jose, but in another year, you might be calling him "Champ." ■

NIETO'S RING RECORD

1978

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Jan. 25	Jose Ortiz	Brooklyn	W 4
May 5	George Nieves	Brooklyn	KO 2
Aug. 25	Freddie Figueroa	New York	KO 2
Sept. 8	Melvin Boynton	New York	KO 1
Nov. 2	Jose Ortiz	New York	KO 7
Nov. 30	Jim Ingras	New York	KO 2

1979

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Apr. 6	Mike Frazier	New York	KO 1
Apr. 27	Roy Taylor	New York	KO 2
May 21	Jimmy Washington	New York	W 6
June 14	Leo Lopez	New York	KO 4
Aug. 22	Monito Jimenez	New York	KO 7

Summary

BOUTS	WINS	LOSSES	DRAWS	KO'S
11	11	0	0	9

Born: Dec. 2, 1954. **Height:** 5'3". **Weight:** 122-127. **Amateur Record:** 32-2, 25 knockouts.

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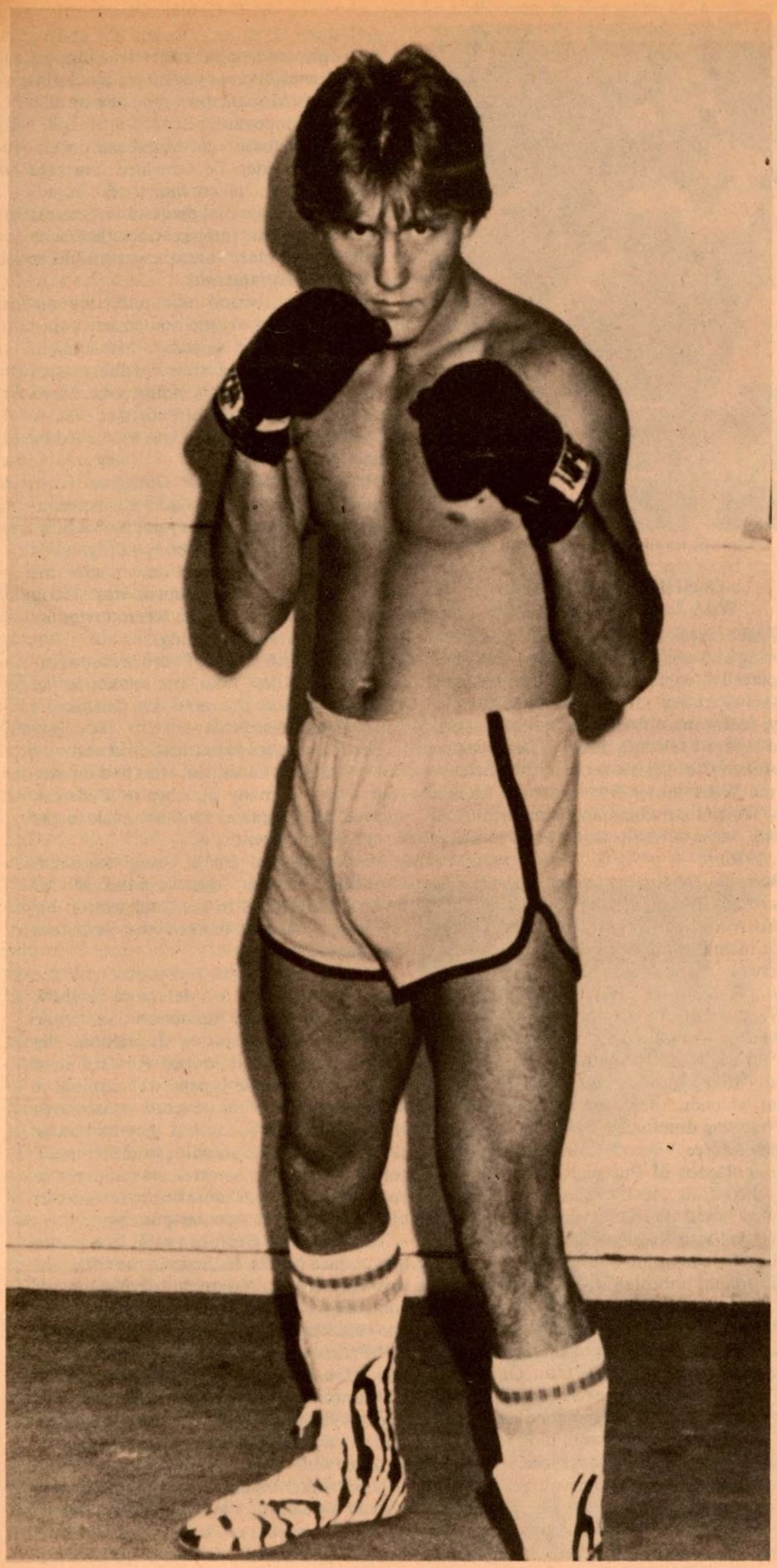

The sight must have been a strange one, to say the least. There, in leotards, was this 200-pound, 6'2" package of powerfully structured athlete, dancing across the floor on his toes in a graceful and flowing but less-than-macho manner.

To the unrefined, ballet is for sissies. But to those who know, ballet artists are master craftsmen. To them, the body is language. They communicate with limbs that flail and sway, sometimes for hours. In order to do so without falling victim to fatigue, ballet artists must be superbly-conditioned athletes as well as creative performers. All ballet artists have learned to master the moves of their bodies and control their breathing, thereby increasing stamina and endurance. That is why Las Vegas' **Jeff Podgurski**, the holder of a black belt in karate and a former kick-boxer, chose to study ballet.

"Boxing is a science," said Podgurski, of Polish-American descent. "There are moves to be made as well as punches to be thrown. Heavyweights can punch. But how many of them can also move out of the way when they have to? If a heavyweight can punch but cannot move when he is forced to, there is only so far he can go. I work on developing my legs and my overall skills, not just on power. Ballet gave me tremendous strength in my legs and greater coordination for competition in karate and boxing."

"Jeff can do it all," said his manager, Stan Tischler. "He can punch with either hand, he's light on his feet, has tremendous lateral movement, is extremely smart and can take a good rap on the chin. I believe I manage more than another heavyweight prospect. I believe I manage the future heavyweight champion of the world.

There has never been a Polish heavyweight champion. Jeff Podgurski said he intends to become the first.

And that's no joke — Polish or otherwise! ■

PODGURSKI'S RING RECORD

1979

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
Feb. 12	Craig Henderson	Miami Beach	W 4
Feb. 19	Craig Henderson	Miami Beach	KO 4
Mar. 20	Richard Majors	Miami Beach	D 4
June 19	Mike Creel	Las Vegas	KO 3
July 4	Lou Lockwood	Las Vegas	KO 3
Aug. 8	Arnold Sam	Las Vegas	KO 4

Summary

BOUTS	WINS	LOSSES	DRAWS	KO'S
6	5	0	1	4

Height: 6'2" **Weight:** 200 lbs. **Born:** November 5, 1954

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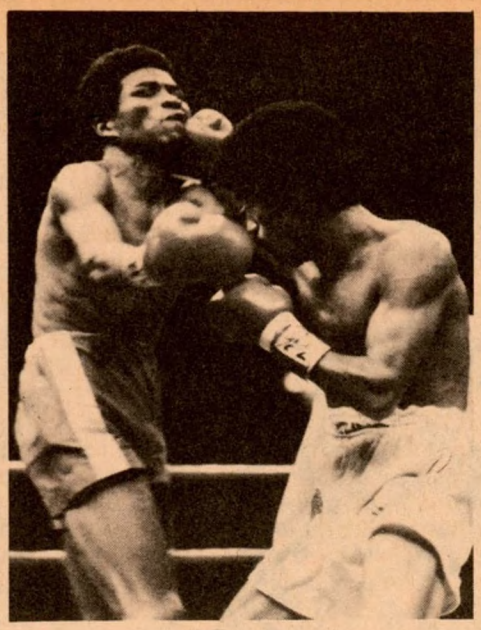


GUSHIKEN-PEDROZA
WBA Junior Flyweight Title

KITAKYUSHU CITY, JAPAN — Fast-moving and slick-punching Yoko Gushiken displayed fine hit-and-run tactics, battered Rafael Pedroza, from Panama, all the way, and won a fifteen round shutout decision before 7,000 spectators. The unbeaten Gushiken thus registered his ninth defense of the WBA junior flyweight title he had won from Juan Guzman, Dominican Republic, via a seventh round kayo in October, 1976.

Pedroza, the top contender of the WBA, was regarded as a formidable opponent due to his record, 15-2-1 with fourteen knockouts, including kayoes over the likes of top notchers Orland Hernandez and Alex Santana. He had lost a close 15-round decision to Venezuelan Luis Estaba for the WBC title in May two years ago.

Pedroza, as old as the Japanese champ at twenty-four, fought well from the viewpoint of endurance, but the pace of the contest was dominated by Gushiken. American referee Vincent Rainone and judge Caesar Ramos of Puerto Rico viewed the lopsided affair 150-134 (sixteen points difference!) and 150-139, while Venezuelan judge Antonio Requena had it 147-141, all in the lefty champion's favor.

Gushiken, unbeaten in eighteen previous bouts, entered the ring at 107¼ pounds to 107½ for the Panamanian. Rafael, a brother of WBA feather boss Eusebio Pedroza, was one inch taller than Gushiken, and had a three-inch reach advantage. In the opening session, they fought cautiously and seldom tossed any solid blows. Gushiken, an early starter, commenced attacking the still nervous challenger with sharp lefts to the midsection to take the second round. The third to the sixth sessions were all Gushiken, who chased the bewildered Pedroza with right-and-left combinations. In round three, Pedroza touched the canvas with his glove when he received a chopping right following a one-two thrown by Gushiken. The third man, however, saw it as a slip and did not count.

Gushiken's best was witnessed in the fifth round, when he swarmed over the slower Pedroza, nailed him to the ropes, and sent a barrage of rights and lefts to the face. It was such a furious attack that, with a half minute more, Gushiken could have put his victim on the deck.

The seventh round was relatively uneventful, but the eighth was clearly taken by Gushiken, who, however, had a slight cut over the right eyebrow. Gushiken went all out for a stoppage, sending solid blows to the face and body, but Pedroza revealed his tremendous durability and was saved by the bell in round nine.

The tenth round saw Gushiken score with body punches; he had Pedroza doubled up, and the challenger got on his bicycle. The champ's cut ceased bleeding, while Pedroza suffered a small gash under the left eye. The eleventh stanza was nearly even, as Gushiken's rallies were averted by Pedroza's repeated clinching.

In the twelfth round, Pedroza came forward for the first time, but took a lot of punishment from the retreating Gushiken's counter-punches.

The thirteenth session was mild and was fairly even, but Gushiken, who had thrown four times as many punches as Pedroza, showed his fatigue as he went back to the wrong corner after the bell.

Moving to and fro in round fourteen, Gushiken cleverly counter-punched his awkward rival and in the final session his precision counters banged the desperate Panamanian's face.

Looking back over the process of the bout, Pedroza was too defensive to show his vaunted speedy combinations, while Gushiken was aggressive throughout the contest. People had looked forward to a kayo victory for the Japanese champion. It would have been his seventh consecutive stoppage in title bouts, but they had to be satisfied with Yoko standing in the winner's corner. Gushiken, however, was impressive enough, with remarkable improvements in his defense and his counter-punching.

The victorious Gushiken said: "I had the best chance to stop Pedroza in the fifth. He was very tough, although I landed many good blows on his chin. I know it was a one-sided bout, but I admire his durability." Pedroza looked like a good loser as he said: "Gushiken is a great champion. I had no chance to defeat him this night. He will beat anybody in this class." Gushiken's fine victory carried his unblemished record to 19-0 with thirteen knockouts. What's next, Gushiken? According to his manager, Masaki Kanehira, the excellent southpaw will aim to break ex-champ Luis Estaba's record of eleven defenses. The only problem is time! — Joe Y. Koizumi

LeDOUX-NORTON

BLOOMINGTON, MINN. — It could be called a brawl, a war, a grueling battle, a pier-sixer. Any of those descriptions would fit the ten-rounder between heavyweights Ken Norton and Scott Le Doux at the Metropolitan Sports Center, which wound up in a draw.

Norton, the former WBC heavyweight champion, had hoped that this fight would be the first step back up the ladder that would lead to another crack at the title. But when it was over, it was obvious that Norton should retire from boxing, and pursue an acting and announcing career.

As for LeDoux, he felt he had won and was again cheated out of the decision. LeDoux has claimed in the past that he had been the victim of hometown decision losses, but most of LeDoux's losses have not taken place in the other guy's hometown. At any rate, it all depends on how you viewed the fight as to whether you shared LeDoux's opinion. Scott, however, will live to fight another day.

Promoter Sammie Marshall of Muhammad Ali Professional Sports, Inc. had predicted a turnout of 11,000 or more for the Sunday afternoon nationally televised show, but only 8,100 filed into the cavernous building to view the five-bout card. The fact that the Twin City area was not blacked out of the television showing, along with the ridiculously high priced tickets, no doubt kept Marshall's predictions from coming true.

At a press conference a few days before, LeDoux had chided Norton about the excuses he had made which forced a postponement, and a change of venue from San Diego for the match. Norton had claimed injured ribs, but others claimed he was way out of shape, while others said tickets for the fight were not moving in San Diego for the original date.

From the first round bell, Norton continuously nailed LeDoux with stiff left jabs and solid left hooks which Scott managed to block with his face. LeDoux carried his hands very low and punched much too slow to bother Norton. Scott backed up most of the time with Norton being the effective aggressor as he piled up a ton of points. When landing, Norton's punches sounded like small bags of wet cement being thrown against a wall. It looked like an easy victory for Norton as the rounds passed by.

The large LeDoux crowd never deserted Scott though, and they were vocally behind him. LeDoux's face was badly reddened, and after seven rounds LeDoux had maybe maybe won only the third session. In the eighth round, the tide changed, as LeDoux took over, scoring heavily with solid flurries while Norton was pinned up against the ropes. Norton began to tire and fade while LeDoux grew stronger, scoring, finally, with powerful rights while the crowd was driven into a frenzy by the action.

In the ninth round, it was, again, LeDoux delivering the damaging blows. Norton attempted to fight back, but the ex-champion's punches now lacked the steam of the earlier rounds; he was tiring badly. At the end of the session, the crowd was on its feet, roaring their approval of LeDoux's comeback.

LeDoux came out fast for the last round and went after Norton in hopes of scoring a knockout. Norton's trainer, Bill Slayton, had placed ice inside his fighter's protector and it came out all over the canvas, and referee Wally Holm called a thirty second halt to clear the ring. LeDoux got Norton on the ropes and a blistering flurry of lefts and rights battered Ken to the canvas for an eight-count.

Norton got up on unsteady underpinning and made a staggering attempt to dance, which only gave evidence of his fatigued condition. With the crowd on its feet cheering, LeDoux stalked Norton. He unleashed a solid right that caught Norton on the side of the head and Norton went limp. LeDoux nailed him with another right to the head, draping Norton over the top strand of the ropes, leaving him half in and half out of the ring.

Norton got back up on unsteady legs. Norton was out on his feet as he staggered around the ring. The bell had sounded ending the fight before Holm could start a count and he waved his arms to signal it was over. With so much noise, many in the crowd thought LeDoux had been given a technical kayo, but that wasn't the case.

Announcer Jimmy Lennon, imported from California for the occasion, gave the announcement that there was a split decision. The crowd groaned. Lennon gave the scores: referee Wally Holm, 95-94, LeDoux; judge Denny Nelson, 95-94, Norton; and judge Leroy Benson, 95-95, a draw. The official verdict — a draw. This writer scored it for Norton 95-94. He had built up too big of an early lead, and LeDoux's finish just wasn't enough.

After the fight, Norton claimed he had been thumbed in the eye in the eighth round and that this was a factor in his poor performance in the last three rounds. Norton commented, "I'm surprised at the draw. Early in the fight he slapped me good and popped my eardrum, but other than that I did all the punching."

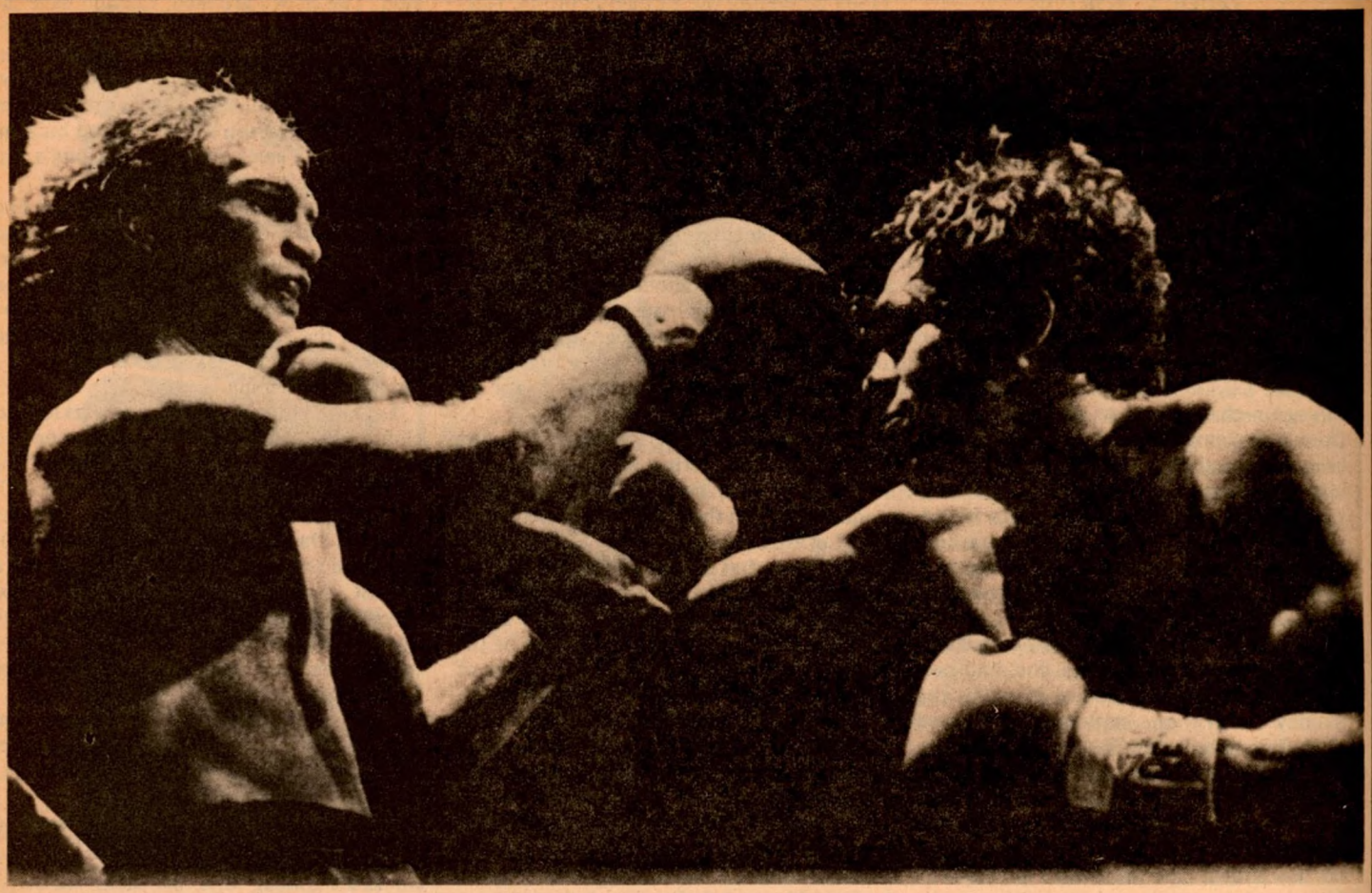
LeDoux's manager, Joe Daszkiewicz, claimed in a television interview that he had checked the scorecards and that judge Denny Nelson had scored the last round 10-10, but Nelson had actually scored it 10-8 for LeDoux. Daszkiewicz was also upset about the ice in the ring and said he would file a protest claiming Norton's corner had thrown a bucket of ice into the ring to give their fighter an added rest. The ice had come from Norton's trunks, placed there by Ken's trainer.

The draw decision left San Diego's Ken Norton with a 41-6-1 record, while LeDoux, of Minneapolis, has a 25-7-4 log. Norton scaled 223½, LeDoux 218.

Greg Page, 242, Louisville, stopped James Knox, 224, Cleveland, two. Eddie (Young Joe Louis) Taylor, 201, Chicago, won unaminous decision over Oliver Phillips, 226, Las Vegas, ten. Ralph Moncrief, 158, Cleveland, won unanimous decision over Lamont Lovelady, 161½, Des Moines, ten. Percell "Magic" Davis, 213½, Detroit, knocked out Pete Holm, 202, St. Paul, two.

Gross — $128,546.90 (new Minnesota state record).

— George D. Blair



CUEVAS-SHIELDS
WBA Welterweight Title

CHICAGO, ILL.—Championship boxing highballed into Chicago for the first time since 1965 when WBA welterweight champion Jose (Pipino) Cuevas banged out a close, but unanimous decision over Randy Shields in fifteen rounds at the International Amphitheatre.

Regarded as one of the sport's greatest fighters, Cuevas, 146½, was expected to flatten his blond adversary inside of five rounds. Most critics regarded the bout as an outrageous mismatch.

Some had even made him a 15-1 underdog. But Shields, 142½, fought a beautiful strategic battle. Exploiting his superior height and reach, Shields nailed Cuevas throughout the contest with stinging left jabs and right hand counters that bloodied the champion's nose in the ninth round.

Cuevas centered his attack on the body. He hurt the challenger, but was never able to corner him.

Shields surprised ringsiders with the ease with which he hit the plodding champ. Although Randy has seventeen knockouts in his 34-6-1 record, he can't punch!

Only in the second round was Cuevas' vaunted power in evidence. He nailed Shields with a powerful left hook that staggered him. As the raucous crowd of 4,356 roared in expectation of an early finish, Shields grabbed and held on like a drowning man to a life preserver.

Although Cuevas fought in his typically aggressive, bobbing and weaving style, he looked very lethargic. The Mexican who'd kayoed every challenger who dared fight for his title (eight straight) claimed he injured his left hand in the second round.

In the fourth round both fighters bumped heads and Shields backed away with a cut above his right eye. Paradoxically, the cut worked to Shields' advantage. It made it unlikely that he'd stand toe-to-toe with Cuevas under any circumstances.

After the fight, the twenty-one year old champ praised Shields. "He's a good fighter. And he deserves a rematch. But if we fight again, I will knock him out."

Shields sang a different tune. Sitting in his dressing room and nursing a swollen right hand, Randy complained that "he won the fight" and didn't get the decision because of two "South American" judges.

"Cuevas was tough," said the intelligent, articulate twenty-three year old, "but he didn't hit as hard as I thought he would."

For his effort, Randy headed back to Los Angeles with $25,000 and the prospect of some more "big money" fights. Cuevas, who looked over-trained, and probably was because of the four postponements, picked up $80,000 and a lesson in humility.

Referee Luis Salbaran of Venezuela scored the fight 71-70; Judge Al Tremari of Chicago, 73-67; and Judge Marco Antonio Rodriquez of Mexico saw it 71-70, all for the champion.

It was an interesting fight, but not a great one. People expected a lot more from Pipino. He was a big disappointment.

Cuevas won the WBA title as an eighteen-year-old, knocking out Angel Espada in two rounds on July 17, 1976 at Mexicali, Mexico. His record is now 24-5, with twenty-two knockouts.

The bout drew $125,905; not bad considering the postponements. But the postponements allegedly cost Pronesa, the outfit that promoted the card, $60,000.

The ticket prices ($20-$100) helped keep the attendance down. They were way too high considering the caliber of the match. Co-promoter Ernie Terrell had wanted a $50.00 top.

Some of the red ink was absorbed by Televisa, a Mexican firm that televised the fight live in Mexico. The bout was also close-circuited to California.

"We've got to do much, much, better in the future," said Pronesa's Rafael Mendoza. But the important thing to Chicago is that it *has* a future.

Ten-rounders: Jose Palacios, 147¼, Mexico City, knocked out Jose Santana, 143½, Puerto Rico, in the seventh. Francisco Manzo, 123½, Mexico City, TKO'd Benny Marquez, 124, Puerto Rico, in the third. Six-rounders: James "Quick" Tillis, 195¼, Chicago, TKO'd Charles Atlas, 210, Merough, La., two. Luke Capuano, 180½, Chicago, TKO'd Jose Gutierrez, 176, Lorain, Ohio, three. Al Guevara, 136¼, North Hollywood, Calif., won when his opponent, Julio Mendez, 134, Mexico City, was disqualified in the fifth round for repeated low punching. Four-rounder: Jumbo Cummings, 225, Joliet, Illinois, TKO'd George Goforth, 184½, St. Louis, in the fourth.

Paid attendance: 4,356. Gross: $125,905.

—Jim Brady

LEONARD-RANZANY

LAS VEGAS, NEV. — The Sugar Ray Leonard lightning struck again as the welterweight idol scored his 24th straight victory with a fourth-round TKO over highly regarded Pete Ranzany.

The Leonard-Ranzany bout at Caesars Palace Sports Pavilion was for the North American Boxing Federation championship, the title held by Ranzany. The victory gave Leonard, 147, the NABF championship, and another step on his way to the world welterweight title.

Ranzany, who fought with unusual ferocity, was the aggressor at the opening of each round.

The Sacramento slugger came out punching in the first three rounds, using his left jab and a series of strong combinations. Leonard appeared to be biding his time, and later confided that his strategy was "to start slow and feel him out."

Ranzany, also 147, was his ferocious best in the third round, pinning Leonard into a corner, and pounding away with a series of body shots. But Sugar Ray's superb conditioning paid off as he fended off the shots and emerged without a scratch.

Leonard unleashed his own fury in the fourth round, and a stunned Ranzany was unable to cope with the sudden change in strategy. Leonard stalked his opponent to a corner and rained a brutal barrage of blows. Ranzany struggled out of the corner — only to be met in mid-ring by another torrent of Sugar Ray slugging. Ranzany hit the canvas and although groggy, struggled to his feet by the count of eight. The clever Leonard immediately moved in the for the kill, and Ranzany was totally defenseless when the referee stopped the bout at 2:41 of the fourth round.

Ironically, Ranzany was leading on the cards of all three judges before the fourth and fatal round.

Following the bout, Sugar Ray confessed his super strategy, saying: "I knew he was going to bring the fight to me, and I was prepared for this.

I coasted in the first three rounds to study his strategy, and by the fourth round I figured it was time to go to work and finish him off. My plan was simply to do a number on him, and it worked."

He continued: "Pete put up a hell of a fight, but he never hurt me; and he didn't throw any punches I wasn't ready for. He tried some tough shots to the body, but they didn't work, because I'm in 100% top condition, both physically and mentally."

Leonard then tackled the subject of his punching power, and appeared distressed as he said: "It amazes me when people keep saying I can't punch. I've stopped a dozen guys — some that nobody else has ever been able to knock down. Today's fight should show the public what kind of punching power I have. What else do I have to do to prove it?"

Leonard is scheduled to meet world champion Wilfred Benitez on Dec. 1, and the fighter, plus his trainers — Angelo Dundee, Dave Jacobs, and Janks Morton — are convinced that Leonard will become the new world welter king.

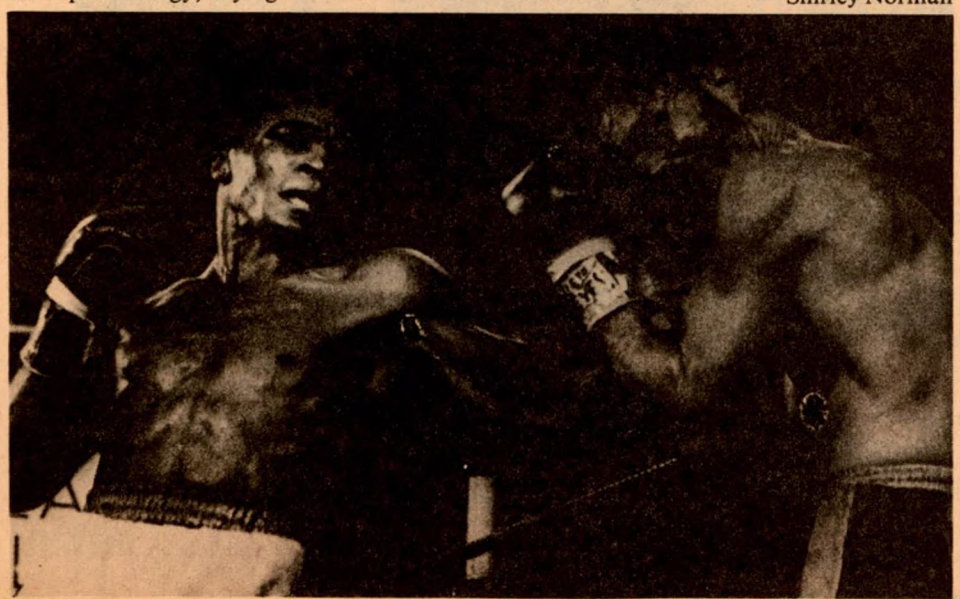
Pete Ranzany was a picture of dejection after his loss. Ranzany did not attend the post-fight press conference, but graciously met with your *Ring* reporter later in his suite.

Said Ranzany: "I feel so disappointed. I don't know what I did wrong. Maybe I was too aggressive. Usually I'm a slow starter, but today I wanted to be impressive, and I wanted to win this fight so much."

Some balm for the disappointing loss was the $75,000 Ranzany received — the largest pay-day of his career. Leonard was paid $150,000, plus an additional guarantee by the ABC network.

James Salerno, 179, Miami, won unanimous decision over Alvaro Lopez, 180, Los Angeles, 10. Babs McCarthy, 149, Sacramento, TKO'd Billy Miller, 147, Austin, Texas, at 2:55 of the second round in a scheduled ten. Roger Leonard, 156, Palmer Park, Md., won unanimous decision over Wayne Beale, 150, San Diego, 8. Ron Cummings, 146, Sacramento, and Pablo Baez, 148, Dominican Republic, drew, 8.
Attendance — 4,000

— Shirley Norman



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MUHAMMAD-CONTEH
WBC Light Heavyweight Title

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — Matthew Saad Muhammad, bleeding profusely from a severe cut above his left eye since the fifth round and on the verge of losing his WBC light heavyweight championship, staged a furious rally in the final two rounds to retain that crown with a unanimous decision over England's elusive and talented John Conteh.

The fight, which took place in Resorts International's Superstar Theatre in front of a live nationwide television audience, was the champion's first defense of the title he won by stopping Marvin Johnson in the eighth round of a savage brawl last April 22.

Conteh had once worn the same crown, but was stripped of recognition by the WBC in May 1977, for failure to go through with a defense against Argentina's Miguel Angel Cuello. The WBC then selected last-minute substitute Jesse Burnett to box Cuello for Conteh's crown. A jet-lagged, travel weary Burnett was halted in the ninth round.

During the next 25 months, the title changed hands three times: from Cuello to Parlov to Johnson and finally to Saad Muhammad. For Conteh, this was his second opportunity to win back the title since being deposed by the WBC. In June 1978, he lost a 15-round decision to Mate Parlov in the Yugoslav's lone successful defense. In that fight, a late rally by Conteh was not enough to overcome his slow start, which probably cost the likeable Liverpoolian the championship.

Against the powerful, aggressive Matthew Saad Muhammad, formerly Matthew Franklin, Conteh got off to a quick start. He snapped Muhammad's head back with sharp, stinging jabs, then danced away from the slower-moving champion, who missed at least two hooks in the opening session by several feet.

With the pattern of the fight set, a remarkable drama began to unfold. Using the incredible left hand everyone knew he had, a right hand everybody said he did not have and a head which was equally as dangerous as his punches, Conteh, 175, began to batter the WBC crown off Muhammad's head.

With his jab beating a staccato rhythm on Muhammad's face, Conteh piled up points during the first third of the fight. The champion, 172½, later admitted, "I was off balance and confused at that point, but I knew I would catch him sooner or later." It was later. Much later.

By the end of the fourth round, Conteh was in total control of the fight. Using his right hand sparingly but effectively, he removed all doubt from the minds of the skeptics about that hand, which he has broken twice and severely injured in an automobile accident last winter.

In the fourth round, a stiff jab to the left eye started Muhammad blinking. There was already a puffiness to the eye, courtesy of Conteh's whip-like jab. Late in the round Conteh landed a thumping right to the body. If it caused him any pain, he didn't wince. Muhammad did.

The champion's corner admonished him to "get going," which he did in the fifth round. He picked up the pace and began to leave less room between himself and Conteh. He forced the former champion to back up, taking away power from his brilliant jab. With less than 20 seconds to go, it was apparent Muhammad had won the round. He had stopped Conteh's momentum, and turned the fight around. Then, as the champion was moving into Conteh, the Englishman stopped retreating and charged forward — head down. There was a sickening thud. Muhammad pulled back, his face contorted in agony. His left hand shot up and clutched at the left side of his face.

"Oh, come on!" moaned the champ. When he removed his hand from his face, a pool of blood was noticeable along the bridge of his nose. At the bell, Muhammad's handlers quickly began to work on the damage done by Conteh's head.

Conteh was unmerciful in the sixth round, stabbing the sliced left brow of Muhammad repeatedly. He did the same in the seventh, and even staggered the champion with a hard right to the chin midway through the round.

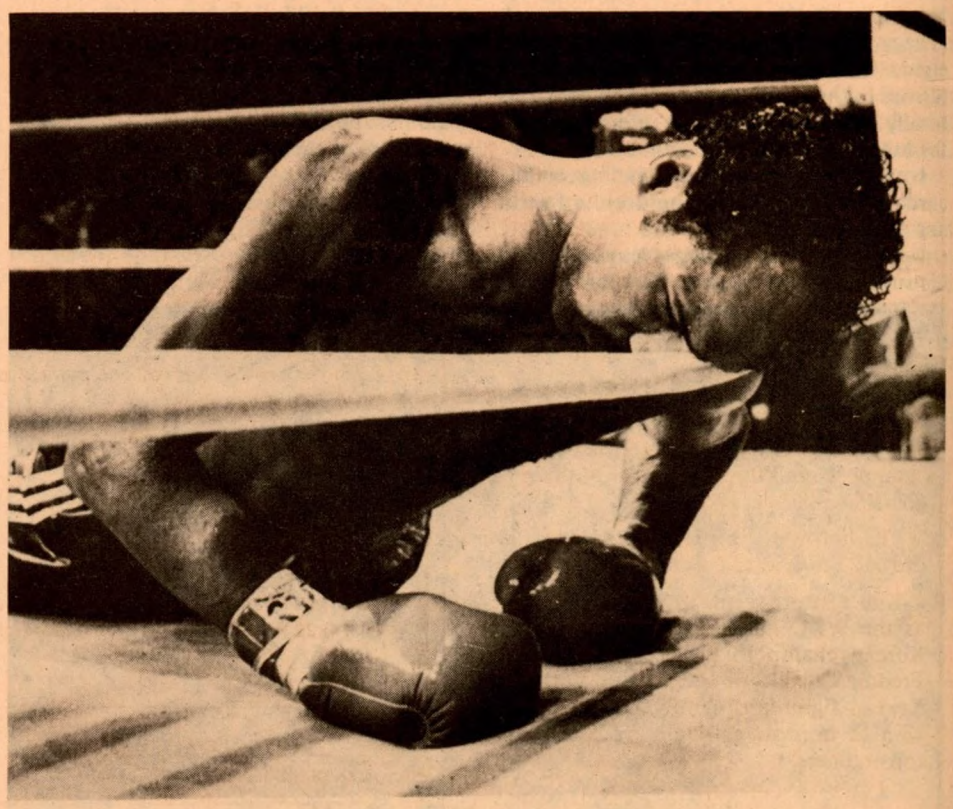
Round after round a frustrated Saad Muhammad looked to land the one big blow which would turn the fight around. He found it in the 14th round.

After missing with a right uppercut, which forced Conteh to move to his right, Muhammad followed with a vicious left hook to the chin, which dropped Conteh for a count of seven. Up on spongy legs, Conteh was battered and sent down a second time. He was on his feet at eight, and clinched his way to the bell.

Both men's legs were gone in the final round. However, Conteh was fighting to survive. Muhammad was fighting to win. Win he did. Referee Carlos Padilla of the Philippines scored it 146-142 for Muhammad. English judge Harry Gibbs (144-143) and judge Charlie Spina (146-141) of New Jersey also scored it for Muhammad, who raised his record to 24-3-2. The loss dropped Conteh's record to 33-3-1.

Alfonso Evans, 136, Philadelphia, won unanimous decision over Raymond Roman, 133, New York, 6. Jimmy Washington, 127, Philadelphia, won split decision over Nelson Diaz, 129, New York, 6. Tony Suero, 149½, Upper Darby, Pa., won unanimous decision over Abel Santiago, 148½, Allentown, 4. Charley Brown, 140, Philadelphia, TKO'd Danny Daniels, 140, New York, at 2:40 of the first in a scheduled six-rounder.

— Randy Gordon



KIM-CARUPO
WBC Junior Flyweight Title

SEOUL, KOREA — WBC junior flyweight champion Sung-Jun Kim barely kept his crown as he eked out a fifteen round split decision over Siony Carupo, the national titlist of the Philippines, before about 4,000 spectators at Changchung Gymnasium. Originally scheduled to face Rey Melendez, Dominican Republic, in a rematch after their controversial draw four months before, Kim had to meet Carupo, a puzzling southpaw, owing to Rey's inability to arrive in Korea in time.

Carupo, an emergency substitute, was well known in Seoul, as he battled to a hard-fought draw with Chan-Hee Park in ten heats last February before the latter took the flyweight crown by outscoring Miguel Canto in March.

From the start, the shorter Carupo was very aggressive, tossing sharp rights and solid lefts to the face and midsection. A butt, in round three, opened a gash over Kim's left eyebrow which appeared to impair his vision as the bout progressed.

Kim, who annexed the WBC title via a third round upset kayo of Thai lefty Netrnoi Sor Vorasingh in September of last year, responded to the aggressive Carupo with strong body shots. It was a total war.

The non-stop Filipino was warned by Japanese referee Takeshi Shimakawa for his low ducking and butting in rounds two, eight, and nine. It looked like a very close fight, although the Korean crowd jeered Kim's cautious and defensive fighting as he attempted to score his specialty, right uppercuts, to stop Carupo from coming in. It is a difficult question as to whether Carupo's aggressive but wild rallies or Kim's effective uppercuts should be more highly evaluated.

There were no knockdowns.

The ref, Shimakawa, and Korean judge Chin-Kuk Kim gave their ballots, 149-145 and 148-146, respectively, to the defending champ, while Filipino official Manolo Inigo had it 148-144 for Carupo.

The hairline win upped Sung-Jun's record to 25-5-6, including twelve knockouts.

Kim's future seems to be full of troubles, as the WBC has ordered the 25-year-old Korean champ to meet either Melendez, Freddie Castillo of Mexico, or Vorasingh. Korean fight fans cannot help but expect Kim to improve enought to defeat those top notchers.

— Joe Y. Koizumi

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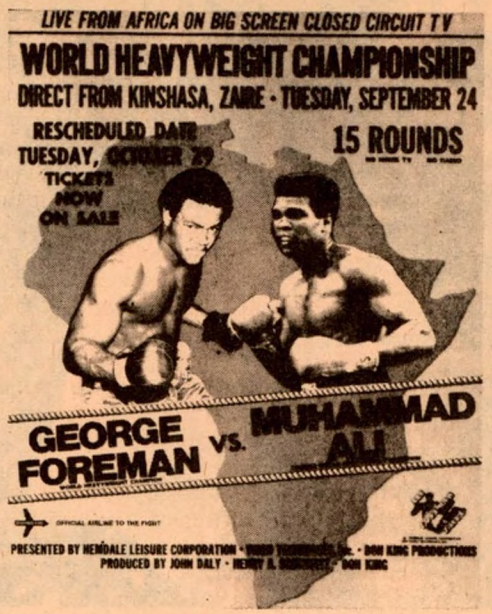

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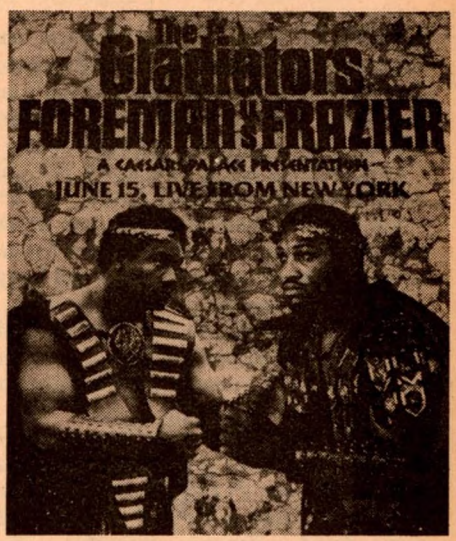

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ESPANA-LIRA
WBA Lightweight Title

CHICAGO, ILL.—Ernesto Espana survived the first knockdown of his career, then came back to break Johnny Lira's jaw and batter him into a bloody tenth round TKO to retain his WBA lightweight title.

Lira, boxing in his hometown for only the second time as a pro, fought very impressively. He made excellent use of the ring and kept the lethal-punching Espana at bay with hard jabs to the head and body.

But Espana had the faster hands and he's an excellent counterpuncher. He frequently slipped Lira's left and blocked his combinations, then countered with hard salvos to the challenger's head.

Espana was ahead on points going into the seventh round. The Venezuelan was stalking his challenger, when Lira nailed him on the chin with a short, powerful right hand. Espana stumbled, then dropped to the canvas. More embarrassed than hurt, he got up immediately and grinned self-consciously as referee Roque Nova of the Dominican Republic administered the mandatory eight count.

As the small crowd (402) in the International Ballroom of the Conrad Hilton Hotel screamed encouragement, it looked like the turning point in the fight.

Lira grew more confident and began to trade punches with the champion. The partisan homefolks and millions watching on ABC television's Wide World of Sports thought they were witnessing one of the year's biggest upsets.

But it was not to be. In the eighth round, Espana began to fight more cautiously and pick his shots. Finally he found the opening he was looking for. Ernesto slammed a powerful left hook to the Chicagoan's jaw and Lira went down.

Johnny got up immediately, but it was more due to "macho" than good sense.

He looked dazed and confused as his bronze opponent hurt him against the ropes with hard uppercuts and body shots. Blood began to trickle from his right eyebrow as the round drew to a close.

"Hey, watch out how you put my mouthpiece in," muttered Lira to his cornerman, Harry Wilson, between rounds. "I think my jaw is busted!"

In the ninth round Espana bulled Lira into the ropes and began slamming short uppercuts into the challenger's bloody, puffy, face and bruised body. Lira gamely tried to fight back, but he was exhausted and his punches were ineffectual.

Lira's cut now began to pour blood and his only chance to win was by knockout.

As Lira wearily walked to his corner at the end of the round, he looked like a beaten fighter. Between rounds the attending ringside doctor, Jorge Tovar, wisely stopped the fight. At the finish, Johnny was behind, 42-38, on the scorecards of judges Rodolfo Hill and Weiso Fernandez. Referee Roque Nova had it 42-36, Espana.

Espana, making his first defense of the championship he won by stopping Claude Noel in the elimination, was very impressive. He picked up $60,000 for his efforts. His record improved to 28-1, with twenty-seven of those wins coming via knockout.

Espana had looked like little more than a crude, powerful puncher when he stopped Noel last June. But against Lira, he showed he does have some finesse. The 25-year-old titleholder would probably be too strong for his WBC counterpart, Jim Watt of Scotland.

Espana and his trainer had nothing but praise for Lira. Speaking through an interpreter, Espana called the Chicagoan "very, very, tough."

Lira (27) who's record dipped to 18-1-1, with ten knockouts, took his first loss in stride.

"What's everybody so sad about?" asked Lira when he arrived in his dressing room. "I'm still alive, ain't I?"

Still brash and cocky, Lira picked up $15,000, the largest purse of his career. But he was embroiled in a bitter contractual dispute with his former manager, Mike Sarge of Las Vegas.

Sarge sought an injunction in Chicago's Circuit Court to stop the fight. Sarge contended he was the sole manager for Lira and the contract Lira signed with him in August of 1978 gave him sole approval for all Lira's matches.

Judge Nathan Cohen denied Sarge's request for an injunction on the eve of contest.

"I'm afraid you don't have an enforceable contract. It's a very, very, ambiguous contract," said Cohen.

Prior to Cohen's ruling, a fight broke out in the corridor between Johnny Tacco, Lira's trainer, and Rico Paonee, a local karate instructor who also claims to have managerial papers on Lira.

Lira and Tacco claimed Paonne started the altercation by kicking Tacco. Lira then swung on Paonne and Tacco grabbed him before it was broken up. But these were just the prelimiinaries to Lira's blowout with Tacco.

The two exchanged heated words when Lira wanted to go to church before the fight and Tacco demanded that he rest. Lira won and Tacco refused to work his corner.

Finally, Tacco arrived in Johnny's corner in the ninth round when he was bleeding like a stuck pig. By that time it was too late. The entire staff of the Mayo Clinic couldn't have stopped the flow of blood.

Lira weighed 133¾ to Espana's 134¾, and undoubtedly will become a good draw in Chicago. He's colorful and charismatic. He's also a much better fighter than anyone had thought.

The Azteca-Salinas joint promotion was the second championship card held in Chicago within five days. This, coupled with the fact that tickets were $100.00 and there was no publicity until four days before the fight, kept the "crowd" to only *85* paid. That's right, *85* paid—an all-time low for a championship contest.

But the promoters are laughing all the way to the bank. ABC paid the $150,000 for the television rights, so they made money. Sadly, the era of "studio" boxing has arrived.

Ten rounders: Leo Cruz, 125, Santo Domingo, kayoed Ismael Santana, 123¾, Puerto Rico, in the fourth round. Jesus Caicedo, 118¼, Colombia, TKO'd Ernasto Gonzales, 121½, in the third. Six-rounders: Luke Capuano, 180, Chicago, kayoed Obbie Garnet, 175, Cincinnati, in 1:52 of the first round. Mario Colon, 125, Puerto Rico, knocked out Arturo Salas, 122, Delrio, Texas, in 3:00 of the first.

Paid attendance: 85. Gross: $8,500.

—Jim Brady

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▲ANCHORAGE — Veteran Vancouver heavyweight George Jerome returned to the win column as he punched out an eight-round decision over Pat Stewart of Seattle. Jerome weighed 233 to 215 for Stewart. Judge John Briggs called it a draw, but the other judges gave the fight to Jerome, 78-76 and 79-77.

The bout was fairly close going into the final round, when Jerome caught his taller opponent with an overhand right on the ropes and followed up with a two-fist attack to win the round and eke out the decision.

In the main event, heavyweight Wayne Bobick of Redeer, Alberta, was awarded a controversial victory over Scotty Welsh of Vancouver. After an even first round, Welsh went on the attack in round two and floored Bobick. Wayne got up and floored Welsh with a series of low punches. The referee gave Welsh a rest period because of the fouls — then awarded the bout to Bobick when Welsh was unable to continue.

JIM JOHNSTON

CALIFORNIA

▲ LOS ANGELES — Herman Montes, one of the Southland's top young prospects, was looking forward to a win over Curtis Ramsey in their ten-rounder at the Olympic Auditorium.

After three rounds of limited action, Montes was cut from a butt and the Athletic Commission ruling was a "technical draw."

Montes, 136, is from Montebello. Ramsey is from Portland and weighed 136.

Other results: Manuel Sanchez, 129, Mexico, kayoed Pancho Vellez, 128½, Los Angeles, two; Mario Cerda, 112½, Mexico, outscored Art Ulgalde, 114, Los Angeles, six; Clemente Enrique, 128, Mexico, outpointed Francisco Pico, 131½, Los Angeles, (5).

▲ LOS ANGELES — The "Superfly," Albert Sandoval, 118, Pomona, put together a strong offensive to handle Javier Flores, 118, Salt Lake City, in their ten-rounder at the Olympic Auditorium.

Sandoval was in charge in the early rounds, held off a Flores rally and came on with a rush to grab a unanimous decision.

In a co-feature ten-rounder, "Cubanito" Perez, 136, Havana, Cuba, blasted out a win over Rafael Nunez, 139, Mexico.

Other results: Tony Cerda, 155, Pomona, kayoed Mike Rundell, 150, San Diego, four; Umberto Del Rios, 150, Mexico, knocked out Carlos Ramos, 150½, Los Angeles, three.

▲ LOS ANGELES — Unbeaten Marty Monroe, 205½, Los Angeles, managed to escape with a disputed ten-round split decision over Jimmy Ingram, 180, Long Beach, at the Shrine Auditorium.

Ingram was a late replacement for Jimmy Cross, who failed to show up for the bout.

Other results: Hedgemon Robertson, 139, Los Angeles, kayoed Jose Castenada, 141, Los Angeles, two; Eddie Rosario, 126, Los Angeles, knocked out James Sowell, 125, Los Angeles, two; Armando Ramos, 141, Los Angeles, kayoed Les Powell, 135, Los Angeles, three.

Hedgemon Lewis was the promoter.

▲ SAN DIEGO — Irish Paddy Wilson, 157, Portland, Ore., and Steve Delgado, 154, San Diego, put on a punching brawl that saw both on the floor.

However, an accidental butt which caused a deep cut over Wilson's right eye forced an end to the wild battle and the official result was a technical draw.

Other results: Freddie Roach, 122, San Diego, outpointed Desi Newbill, 119½, Los Angeles, six; Armando Ramirez, 142, Los Angeles, outscored Eric Bonilla, 139, San Diego, six; Al Penrose, 156, San Diego, knocked out Ellis Miller, 158¼, Los Angeles, one.

▲ SAN DIEGO — It was another one of those technical draws when Ricky Weigel, 156, Los Angeles, was cut over the left eye from an accidental butt in the fourth round of his bout against Renato Garcia, 159½, Santiago, Chile.

The brief action took place at the Coliseum.

Other results: Eddie Rosario, 119, Los Angeles, kayoed Jose Villegas, 118, Mexico, six; Felipe Urquez, 130, Mexico, knocked out Manny Leon, 131, Los Angeles, four; Carlos Ortiz 125½, San Diego, kayoed Jorge Portilla, 128, Mexico, two; Rafael Corona, 155, San Diego, knocked out Hector Hernandez, 156, San Diego, two.

▲ LOS ANGELES — Frankie Baltazar, of the fighting Baltazar family of La Puente, made it two over Frank Ahumada in the feature event at the Olympic Auditorium.

Young Frankie repeated a prior ten-round decision over Ahumada before two thousand, three hundred and eighty fans. Baltazar controlled the fight, posting a knockdown in the eighth round.

His record is now 22-1; he weighed 132. Ahumada, from Mexico City, weighed 132½.

Other results: Rod Aguirre, 127, Mexico, outpointed Apolo Carbajal, 127, Los Angeles, six; Roberto Garcia, 134, Mexico, outscored Taki Sequmoto, 134, Tokyo, five; Rocky Garcia, 125, Los Angeles, kayoed Eddie Freeman, 129, Memphis, three.

▲ SAN DIEGO — Veteran Renato Garcia, 162, Santiago, Chile, was an upset victim in the main event at the Coliseum. Ted Sanders, 159, Los Angeles, coming on with a rush to take a ten-round decision.

Sanders was a recent graduate from the preliminary ranks in Los Angeles.

The gate was $3,560, contributed by fourteen hundred folks.

Other results: Carlos Ortiz, 125½, San Diego, kayoed Elu Hernandez, 129, Mexico, one; Robert Turner, 142, Los Angeles, knocked out Jose Luis Gonzalez, 138½, Mexico, four; Dan Aguilera, 115½, San Diego, kayoed Eddie Estrada, 115, Los Angeles, three; Rafael Corona, 152, San Diego, knocked out Bob Wilcot, 152½, Los Angeles, three.

▲ LOS ANGELES — It was an impressive victory for Romanian heavyweight Mircea Simon as he destroyed Korosetta Kid of Samoa in less than two rounds at the Olympic Auditorium.

Simon had the Kid down four times, three in the first round, then finished him off at 2:09 of the second.

The handsome Romanian has eleven wins against one draw; this was ninth knockout.

Weights: Simon, 213, Korosetta, 205½.

Simon was a silver medalist in the Montreal Olympic Games, losing to Teofilo Stevenson of Cuba.

Unbeaten Frankie Baltazar, 135, La Puente, looked sharp in winning a six-rounder from Willie Daniels, 134, Las Vegas.

Other results: Leonard Moreno, 126½, Los Angeles, outscored Tosjo Okuma, 126¾, Tokyo, six; Takashi Sugimoto, 133, Tokyo, fought to a technical draw with Timmy Martinez, 134, Los Angeles, four.

▲ SANTA MONICA — Andy (The Hawk) Price, 149, Los Angeles, had to step on the gas to edge tough Jose Figueroa, 148½, Mexico City, in a fierce ten-rounder at the Civic Auditorium.

Price, last man to defeat WBA welterweight king Pipino Cuevas, managed to score a knockdown in the fourth round, which proved to be his margin of victory.

The crowd of 2,130 didn't like the decision, but it was unanimous for Price.

In a co-feature, big Bernardo Mercado, 221, Reno, had to chase Henry Clark, 214, San Francisco, all night to register an easy ten-round win.

Percell Davis, 221, Chicago, outslugged Abdul Khan, 211, Los Angeles, in ten rounds.

Former amateur champion Clint Jackson, 159, Memphis, decisioned Rafael Corona, 156½, San Diego, six.

The gate was $16,570.

▲ SAN DIEGO — Localite David Love, 161½, returned to the Coliseum after a lengthy absence to decision Joe Gonsalves, 161½, Oakland, in the ten-round wind up.

It was one sided all the way for Love, who is handled by Angelo Dundee.

In the scheduled six round semi-final, Mike Rundell, 153, San Diego, stopped Al Garbett, 147½, Long Beach, in the first.

▲ BAKERSFIELD — Gonzalo Montellano, 136½, Bakersfield, racked up an easy ten-round verdict over Frankie Balase, 138, Manila, P.I., before a near capacity gathering at Strongbow Stadium.

Montellano, who ran his record to twenty-three straight, broke his right hand and will be out for several months.

In the semi-final, Mario Chavez, 118, Los Angeles, halted Aaron Marau, 114½, La Puente, in the fifth.

DON FRASER

COLORADO

▲ DENVER — Stockyards Arena — A tremendous right hand to the button thrown by Eric Sedillo, 196, Denver, rolled Cookie Wallace slowly onto his back in the first round, where he did not stir for several seconds. Wallace, 210, Dallas, was up at eight, but ruled unable to continue by referee Ben Gonzales at 1:54 of the first round. The referee checked his eyes, and twice was unable to get an answer from the dazed boxer.

It hadn't taken long, but it couldn't have lasted long anyway as both men went toe-to-toe for the opening minute when Sedillo charged emotionally from his corner to take control against the veteran who holds a kayo over Scott Ledoux. Sedillo put Wallace against the ropes, and Cookie countered with body shots and a right hook. Sedillo, however, seemed to ride with the punches, getting the best of it with both hands. Then Sedillo backed off, and at midring Wallace stepped into the fearful right hand and went down slowly.

For Sedillo (11-1, 8 kayoes) it was as stunning an ending as for the fans, as a new heavyweight star was born. Wallace had gone nine rounds on national TV with John Tate last year and never gone down, not even under the twenty punch barrage that had ended it.

There was action in the prelims of the excellent Rocky Mountain Boxing Club promotion that drew 1000 fans and $9500. In the semi-final, Sweet Ron Brown escaped his closest call as a pro, decisioning aggressive Joe Barrientes, 162½, Dallas, by 77-76, 77-76, 77-75. The margin was a first round knockdown by Brown, 163, Denver, who drove Barrientes into a corner with left hooks, and toppled him with a flurry. Thereafter, Brown used movement to hold off his better conditioned foe and take an unpopular nod.

J.J. Cottrell, 145, Denver, used a counter left hook to floor Clarence Hammick, 143, Denver, in the second round, then stood tauntingly above Hammick. Hammick rose and gave chase on wobbly pins until dropped a third time for an automatic kayo, at 2:15. Both men were coming back from unsuccessful main event roles in this six-rounder.

James Ortega, 123½, Denver, the popular brawler, threw right hands and took left hooks decisioning Alberto Cruz, 117, Dallas, as both men earned a standing ovation.

Debuting Chris Johnston, 132, Denver, decisioned Wilborn Lawson, 132, Dallas, in four rounds, showing counter rights, and strength in the in-fighting.

▲ DENVER — Mile High Stadium — At the opening bell, Muhammad Ali, 234, stuck in a knife and fork with successive left-rights, found the meat too tender, and thereafter carried All-Pro defensive end Lyle Alzado, 243½, of the Denver Broncos, through a sometimes interesting, often slow, eight-round exhibition.

The match, pitting the leading sports personality in Denver

against that of the world, drew a surprising 11,128, was sold to NBC-TV for national airing (blacked out in Colorado), yet finished a good six figures in the red, with 60,000 empty seats

Alzado had a 44-1 amateur mark, losing only to Ron Stander, and said afterward that the expensive exhibition was his way of finding out if, like Too Tall Jones of the Cowboys, he should become a pro boxer.

Ali dominated with little more than his glare, yet Alzado showed gameness and promise. Trained beautifully by Bobby Lewis, who co-trained Ron Lyle to a strong run at Ali's title in 1975, Alzado countered well at times.

If Alzado was twenty or even twenty-five years old, not thirty, a career in boxing might make some sense. Alzado has yet to learn to take punishment without a helmet. In the fifth, he was clearly off his game when he screwed his right eye closed in pain from the jab, and, as understood, Ali backed off.

Lost in the hub-bub were the real bouts on a fair undercard. World ranked and North American heavyweight champ Leroy Jones, Denver, holding his new slim figure at 240, got in a month's roadwork chasing James J. Beattie, 241, St. Paul, before getting the word to put both hands together in the fourth. Strong body punches put the 6'8" Beattie down three times for an automatic kayo at 1:55.

In a scheduled eight-rounder, Larry Bonds, Denver, 145, varied his attack by the round, flooring game Rudolpho Mendoza, 145, L.A., with vicious body work, from a bob-n-weave in the second, then finished his man by kayo in the third, backing up with a right, right, and left hook at 1:42.

In a long awaited local showdown, lightweight Billy Parks, Denver, drew with prospect J.J. Cottrell, 140 Denver, over 6 rounds. The business-like 6'1" Parks, 139, boxed smoothly to a lead through the third against the flashy Cottrell's assortment of rope-a-dope and southpaw switches. Then things got hot as a left and right hook took Parks off his horse in the fourth and into range of the stronger Cottrell, who dominated the final three rounds with right hand punching, winning over the crowd if not the judges.

James Ortega, Denver, 123, pummeled Saul Fernandez, 125, L.A., until the towel was thrown at 2:26 of the fourth. State championship high school football coach Dave Sidwell, 204, Denver, took a close split decision from Fred Muhammad, Denver, 268, over four rounds.

▲ DENVER — Escuela Tlatelolco Auditorium — Sweet Ron Brown and Marcy Atencio, the unbeaten Denver stars of the monthly CRBCA boxing promotions, faced their toughest foes and came away unbeaten before a near sellout in the 600-seat hall.

Brown, 165, tore into first round action with an Ali-like rat-tat-tat of fasthanded combinations, undaunted that his opponent, a fighttime sub for injured Ricardo Bravo, was veteran Jim Ingram, 167, L.A.

Brown's left hook staggered Ingram in the third, in the surprisingly one-sided shutout Brown pitched. With little but a pawing jab and heart, Ingram showed the effects of a whirlwind year on the road fighting the best in the west from middleweight through heavyweight, and was returning, according to manager Jesse Reid, from an injured cheekbone suffered against Earl Tripp this spring. But take nothing from prospect Brown.

Atencio, 145, probably felt like he was boxing the mirror, as he found in Joe Espinosa, 149, San Luis, Colo., a battler like himself, with strength, attacking in awkward rushes, and who wouldn't stand still. Atencio's toughest pro go was won on a split nod, 79-78, 80-76, 74-79, over veteran Espinosa, in a hard to score, hard fought bout in which few blows landed cleanly.

The rest of the show, as good as any in Denver in three years or more, saw Denver's Marty Joe Garelick win a six-round decision over Sultan Saladin, 149, Colorado Springs, Rodrigo Hernandez, 154, Denver, win in four over Bobby Ray Flores, 149, Denver, on points, as both showed great heart, and Pancho Carlos Hernandez win a brawl of Denver heavyweights by decision in four over Muggsy Berzoza.

MICHAEL KLAHR

HAWAIIAN ISLANDS

▲ HONOLULU, OAHU — Blaisdell Center — Robert Vasquez, 137, Los Angeles, scored a major upset when he knocked out Andrew Ganigan, 137, Honolulu, in 2:30 of the seventh round in a scheduled ten-rounder.

The highly rated Ganigan, who was supposedly in line for a title bout with WBC lightweight champion Jim Watt of Scotland later this year, all but eliminated himself from consideration with this loss. Just a year ago, almost to the day, Ganigan was knocked out and sent to the hospital with a concussion by the then unknown Johnny Lira of Chicago. He rested for six months and resumed fighting early this year. After winning several bouts, he was top-rated again, at least by the World Boxing Council.

The fight with Vasquez was considered a tune-up bout, and Ganigan wasn't expecting any trouble. Neither did his handlers and most of the fans. And for the first six rounds, it didn't look like Ganigan would have any. He fought his usual aggressive fight, scoring easily and looking like a shoo-in winner.

But Vasquez had his plan all set, it seems. He waited, taking a good many punches. He's tough, however, and he wasn't hurt. Then, when Ganigan became a bit over confident and careless, and rushed in for the kill, Vasquez landed a ripping right to the jaw. Ganigan didn't go down, but he was badly hurt, and tried to hang on. Vasquez shook him off, however, and kept punching. At one stage, they both fell out of the ring. Moments after that, Vasquez cornered Ganigan and landed several solid rights. This time, Andy went. He was in no condition to get up and was counted out.

Prelims: Julio Rodriguez, 109½, Honolulu, outscored Aniceto Vargas, 110, Philadelphia, eight. Dana Goodson, 216, Honolulu, out-pointed Abdullah Muhammad, 209½, Las Vegas, six. Rey Carino, 123, Honolulu, outscored Sam Kahikini, 124, Honolulu, six. Malo Fale, 132, Honolulu, TKO'd Ful Sumagaysay, 133, Philadelphia, in the first. Moses Halafuku, 177, Tonga, TKO'd Carl Poff, Phoenix, in the second.

It was a Boxing Enterprises, Ltd., promotion.

▲ HONOLULU, OAHU — Blaisdell Center — Rolando Navarrete, 129¾, Philippines, made his second appearance in Honolulu a victorious one, as he easily outpointed Jose Torres, 131, Mexico, in a ten-rounder. The decision was unanimous.

Navarrete has gained a considerable following, and his aggressive style of fighting is already being compared to that of Ben Villaflor, former world junior lightweight champion, and a favorite of Hawaiian fans.

Flash Jagdon, 113½, Philippines, outpointed Jorge Ayala, 112, Los Angeles, ten.

Juan Bautista, 129, Dominican Republic, outscored Edwin Alarcon, 128½, Philippines, ten.

Armando Ramirez, 142¾, Los Angeles, knocked out Vito Meredith, 142⅓, Samoa, in two. Roger Tulonghari, 130¾, Honolulu, lost to Ful Sumagaysay, 134⅓, Honolulu, four.

TED YAMACHIKA

INDIANA

▲ INDIANAPOLIS — A triad of promoters, F and F Berns, Inc., Richard L. Skinner, and John S. Appel, presented the first dinner-boxing show in Indianapolis in over three years. A near capacity crowd of 451 paid customers feasted on a roast beef dinner with all the trimmings prior to a five bout card of professional boxing at the Murat Temple. Three scheduled eight-rounders started the show, which ended with two six-rounders. Ticket prices were $16.00 or $17.50 per person, according to the table location.

Hard-hitting Danny Myers, 147, Muncie, Indiana, officially won a second round TKO over slick Norman "Pettis" Withers, 151¾, Chicago. Withers put Myers down for an eight count midway through the first round with a crisp left-right combination. Myers weathered the knockdown well and the fans anticipated a classic scheduled eight round confrontation between the flat-footed slugger, Myers, and the swift quick-handed Withers. The ring doctor was called to Withers' corner between rounds and the bout was stopped, with Withers unable to answer the bell for the second round. It was announced that the Windy City boxer had dislocated his left shoulder and was unable to continue. Myers' record goes to 14-1 with thirteen kayoes.

The second eight-rounder of the evening (and the best contest) lasted the distance. Charlie Peterson, 151, Muncie, Indiana, upped his record to 3-4 with a unanimous decision over the announced "New Jewish Bomber," Bruce "Mouse" Strauss, 151, Omaha, Nebraska. The scores were 77-76, 77-74, and 77-75. Strauss, the former collegiate wrestler, with arms the village blacksmith would envy, hurt Peterson early in the fight with a couple of looping rights. Peterson, who is more of a boxer than a slugger, took charge of the fight in the fourth round when Strauss appeared to become arm-weary. Southpaw Peterson scored well with both hands during the course of the clash and wobbled Strauss in the seventh with a straight left lead. Strauss seemed to get his second wind in the final round but it was too little too late. No knockdowns were registered in the bout.

In the final scheduled eight-rounder, "Slammin' " Sammy NeSmith, 160, Indianapolis, disposed of outclassed Jim Hearn, 158¼, Omaha, at 1:12 of the second round. The first round showed very little action, but early in the second round NeSmith dropped Hearn with a left to the head for an eight count. Then, shortly after rising, Hearn was finished off with a right lead. NeSmith's record is now 28-4 with twenty-six kayoes.

In a scheduled six-rounder with constant action, lefty Ralph Twinning, 139, Muskegon, Michigan, started fast, using a two-handed attack to the head and body. The accumulation of blows halted Jamie "Hard Times" Knox, 147, Muncie, Indiana

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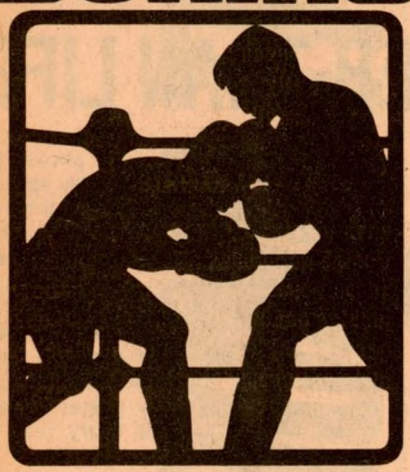

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(0-2-1), at 2:58 of the fourth round.

Floyd "Cyclone" Saunders, 157, Seymour, Indiana (1-1), finished off "Irish" Jimmy Claar, 166½, New Lisbon, Indiana, at 2:33 of the sixth and final stanza. This was a bruising brawl between two plodding pugilists who had left their defenses at home. Claar suffered a cut over his left eye and both of his eyes were badly swollen. Claar was put on the canvas for an eight count early in the last round.

GARY L. MERRITT

KANSAS

▲ OVERLAND PARK — Glenwood Manor Convention Center — Steve Homan, 138, outboxed and stopped game Tom Crowley, 143, Tipton, Iowa, in the sixth round.

Jack Crowley, Tom's father and manager, threw the towel in at 2:35 of the round. Homan had the eighteen-year-old Crowley bleeding heavily from the nose and had landed two good southpaw left hands to the body to hurt Crowley when the end came. Homan had dominated the entire fight with the exception of the second round, in which Crowley worked in close.

The win brought Homan's record to 15-2, while Crowley, who was fighting his first ten-rounder, is now 10-3 as a pro.

Larry "Mousey" Martin, 154½, Kansas City, won a six-round unanimous decision over Larry Ward, 160, of Milwaukee. Martin dominated the bout with sharp straight rights and uppercuts, but Ward kept fighting back, although he was hurt on several occasions. Martin is now 2-0 as a professional and looks like a good prospect.

Danny Campbell, 147, Kansas City, knocked out Clyde Spencer, 148, McAlester, Ok., in 2:55 of the second round. Campbell scored well with his long left jab and dropped Spencer for the count with a short right hand to the jaw. Campbell is now 3-0.

Tyrone Wren, 148, Kansas City, had a tough fight with Billy Goodwin, 150, of Milwaukee. He gained the victory when referee Eloda Morrison stopped the bout after the fifth round. Goodwin had suffered a deep cut over his left eye and could not continue. Wren is now 12-6 in the pro ranks.

In the opening bout, George Goforth, 180, St. Louis, won a four-round split decision over Floyd Cross, 177, Kansas City.

Eight hundred fans were in attendance.

RON COPHER

MARYLAND

▲ BALTIMORE — A crowd of sixteen hundred turned out for a 32-round, five-bout card presented by the promotional team of Dr. Robert Sussman and Vince Cala and run in conjunction with the week long Sons of Italy national convention.

Two of the Italian fighters forged victories in prelims, but main eventer Rocky Tassone, 157, West Philadelphia, was summarily tagged out at 2:41 of the first round by Wilson Bell, 156½, Washington.

The thirty minutes preceding the evening's finale were a forecast of the eventual outcome. Bell was smiling and loose while warming up in the dressing room, while Tassone was tight, had a clammy, grayish complexion, and, generally, looked defensive. Once in the ring, Bell pressed the attack, shooting both hands to the body and head while Tassone concentrated on covering up. A light one-two at mid-ring followed by a vicious right uppercut produced the first knockdown. Tassone beat the count, but, after a minimal defense, went down under a barrage of punches capped by a hammering right to the jaw. The 25-year-old was counted out while sitting on the bottom rope by referee Ray Klingmyer.

The semi-windup, scheduled for eight, produced the best and the worst action of the night. Late substitute Jesse Carter, 157½, Virginia Beach, eked out a split decision over Dale "The American Assassin" Staley, 150¾, District Heights, in a slam-bang pier-sixer marred by fouls from both fighters.

Carter flattened Staley with a short right in the third round, but then lost the next three sessions, as body punches slowed him to a crawl. Staley, however, was unable to escape the clutching tactics of his opponent and Carter rallied well in the last two rounds. Staley was hit while on his knees in the eighth round due to a slip. The crowd reacted with boos, but referee Larry Barrett allowed the action to continue with no penalties.

In the opening four-rounder, Jeff Passero, 141, Lanham, made a successful debut with a unanimous decision over Van Tate, 142, Norfolj. Scientific battler Giovanni Bovenzi, 144, Bridgeton, N.J., took a split decision over Floyd Pittman, 145, Baltimore. In a scheduled six, Quinnie Locklear, 176¾, Baltimore, put up a brave fight against Charlie Smith, 176, Virginia Beach, but referee Yaddy Cecchini halted the action at 1:46 of the fifth when heavy mouth bleeding interfered with Locklear's breathing.

ED SCULLEN

MICHIGAN

▲ DETROIT — Centre Stage Ballroom — Rico Hoye, Detroit middleweight, won a ten-round split decision over Sammy Floyd, Bay City. In the co-feature, middleweight Nathaniel Akbar, Detroit, knocked out overmatched Willie Brown of Detroit in 1:04 of the first round. Akbar's pro record now stands at 6-0.

Junior welterweight Dujuan Johnson, Detroit, stretched his record to 3-0 with a one-round TKO of Donzell Smith of Philadelphia. Earl Stringer, Detroit, TKO'd Levant Williams, Detroit, five, welters. Joe Louis Jones, Detroit, and Larry Sims, Cleveland, drew, four.

JERRY McCARTHY

MISSOURI

▲ KANSAS CITY — Municipal Auditorium — Tony Chiaverini showed no ill effects from the blasting he received from Sugar Ray Leonard on national television as he kayoed outclassed Chris Lange of Columbus, Georgia in his first outing since that loss.

Lange, 6'2" and 163¾ pounds, scored well with southpaw jabs in the first round as he made good use of his height and reach advantages over Chiaverini, 5'8" and 163. Tony, however, managed to adjust midway in the second round and took charge of the fight when he landed a hard left hook to the body of the lanky Lange.

Chiaverini gradually wore Lange down with hooks to the body and occasional shots to the head. A hard left to the head put Lange on the canvas for a count of two in the fifth round, and from then on, it was just a matter of time until Chiaverini finished his opponent. The end came at 1:59 of the seventh round, as the Kansas City fighter landed a hard right-left combination and the Georgia fighter never looked like he could beat the count. He didn't.

The win upped Chiaverini's record to 31-4-1 with twenty knockout victories. Lange saw his winning streak stopped at nineteen. He's now 21-2-1 as a professional.

Knockout specialist John LoCicero of New York City had to go the distance for one of the few times in his pro career as he scored a unanimous decision over game Gary Coates of Alliance, Ohio.

LoCicero, 157, had Coates in trouble early in the second round, but became overeager with his punching and failed to finish him off. Several times after that, it looked like the New Yorker was going to finish things, but Coates always seemed to come fighting back.

Referee Kenny Morris deducted three points from LoCicero, two for low blows and one for coaching from the corner. The three judges scored the bout 98-94, 97-95, and 96-94, all for LoCicero.

John thus upped his record to 13-3 with ten knockouts. The game Coates is now 9-9 with nine wins coming via kayo.

Young New York City prospect Juan Laporte, 126¾, quickly disposed of Wardell Williams, 127, Kansas City. Juan knocked Williams to the canvas three times in the second round for the automatic stoppage. The end came at 1:17 of the round. Laporte is now 9-1 with five kayoes. Williams drops to 14-8.

Twenty-three year old Danny Campbell, 148¾, Kansas City, scored a sensational one-punch knockout over Larry Puchta, Minneapolis. A short right hand ended the bout at 2:39 of the first round. After the bout, Puchta said he had never been counted out before. The explosive punching Campbell is now 4-0 in the pro ranks with three kayoes.

Joe Sosa, 139½, Kansas City, made his pro debut a successful one as he scored a fourth-round knockout over veteran Simmie Black, 134, Memphis. The southpaw Sosa landed a short left hand to the chin of Black for the count-out.

Four thousand fans attended the show, which was promoted by Gene Fritz.

RON COPHER

NEBRASKA

NORTH PLATTE — Professional boxing returned here for the first time since 1936 with a dynamite show headed by local heavyweight Lupe Guerra.

Fighting his first main event as well as his first ten-rounder, Guerra, 200, was impressive in halting the muscular Charles Atlas, 208, Bastrop, La., in five rounds. The undefeated Lupe ran his perfect record to 12-0. "And they said I couldn't punch," he announced to a wildly enthusiastic crowd after the triumph.

Rugged Ron Stander, 238, Council Bluffs, Iowa, finished off gutsy Jim Pearish, 238, Joplin, Missouri. Pearish, aggressive and determined, gave Stander all he could handle in the early milling but a right to the midsection dropped him in the fifth; Jim was exhausted. Pearish could not come out for the sixth and Ron was awarded a TKO win in the scheduled ten-round co-main event.

Morris Jackson, 239, Omaha, launched his comeback with a strong showing over Louis Brown, 209, Oklahoma. Jackson was too strong for the courageous but outclassed Brown, who was TKO'd in three.

Chris Johnson, 129, Denver, looked sharp pounding out a unanimous decision over game Ray Menefee, 129, Lincoln, over six.

The show was an exciting one and well received by the North Platte public. They love Lupe Guerra and are backing him to the hilt.

Omaha's Action Boxing promoted the card.

▲ OMAHA—In a sensational battle of crack junior welters, Omaha's Dale Hernandez felled clever Scotty Foreman of New Orleans in the final heat of their scheduled ten-round main event.

For five rounds it was anybody's fight, with Foreman drawing blood and taking a slight lead. However, Dale continued to wade in unperturbed with his steady pounding of the body and head. Scott was dropped in the eighth almost at the bell. Somehow, he arose and gallantly fought on until the last barrage put him on his back for the ten count in round ten.

Hernandez, 139, is now 35-2, and looking better and better every time out.

In the semi-final; Lupe Guerra, 199, Council Bluffs, Iowa, won a hard fought split verdict over gutsy Jim Robertson, 224, Muncie, Indiana. Lupe is now 11-0.

Bob Coolidge, 162, Minneapolis, drew with Charles Peterson, 153, Muncie, six rounds. Charlie Evans, 139, Omaha, outpointed Tony Taylor, 141, Muncie, five. Sylvester Price, 127, Muncie, outscored Ray Menefee, 129, Lincoln, five.

ROBERT J. RUIZ

NEVADA

▲ LAS VEGAS — "Irish" Leroy Haley, the Nevada state junior welterweight champion, survived a ninth round knockdown to win a unanimous ten-round decision over Javier Ayala.

Despite the knockdown, it was Haley's fight all the way; as he performed with lightning speed, brilliant combinations, and effective counter-punches. He sent Ayala to the canvas briefly in the seventh round; but was unable to score a knockout.

Haley emerged, however, with a wide-margin unanimous decision; as all three judges awarded him the fight with scores of 98-92.

A junior welterweight prelim also ended in unanimous decision as Jose Osouna bested tough Sammy Davila.

Osouna pounded Davila with uppercuts to the body and head throughout the eight-round bout. Davila withstood the punishment; but lost the decision.

Featherweight Fred Roach piled up his sixth straight victory

with no losses in a unanimous decision against John Papin.

This was the toughest fight of Roach's budding career; and he found the going rough for the first five rounds. He came on strong, however, in the sixth and final round, and emerged with a victorious decision of 59-55 on all three cards.

The card opener saw an impressive performance by Sterling McPhearson, 134½, of Las Vegas. McPhearson completely out-classed his opponent, Arturo Chihuahue, 136, of Mexico. The hapless Chihuahue hit the canvas in the first round, again in the second and in the third. The fight was finally stopped at 2:49 of the third round, with McPhearson awarded a TKO.

▲ LAS VEGAS — Joseph Kossman, the West German middleweight champion, journeyed to Las Vegas to tackle veteran Rudy Robles in the main event of the Silver Slipper's Strip Fight of the Week.

But Kossman might as well have stayed home; he was never in the fight against Robles.

Robles stalked the German for the full three rounds; and Kossman's southpaw style was totally ineffective in landing counter-punches.

Kossman was bleeding heavily from the nose and mouth by the third round; and suffered a severe cut inside his mouth. Ring physician Dr. Donald Romeo stepped in and stopped the fight at the end of the third.

Romeo's comment was: "Kossman should never have been in the same ring with Robles."

A heavyweight semi-main saw the impressive Las Vegas debut of Leroy Caldwell, 220, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Caldwell, whose massive physique and fierce style of fighting are reminiscent of former champion Sonny Liston, proved to be a menace to his smaller opponent, Yaqui Meneses, 205, of Tucson, Arizona. Caldwell sent Meneses to the canvas twice in the second round, first with a crushing left-right combination; and then with a brutal right cross.

Caldwell began his punishment again in the third round; but referee Richard Green spared Meneses when he stopped the fight at 1:17 of the round.

In a light heavyweight prelim, Charles "Cowboy" Roye, 172, of Las Vegas, was totally inept against Pete Garcia, 174, of Los Angeles. Roye's timing was completely off; and he was unable to land a single significant punch. Garcia, however, landed a knockout punch at 2:41 of the fifth round.

A dull four-round card opener saw Jesus Huerte, 140, of Los Angeles, win a unanimous decision over Joe Johnson, 140, of Las Vegas.

The stellar attraction of the evening was the ring debut of 194 lb. Bob Starbird, former football hero of the University of Nevada.

Starbird, spurred on by a huge cheering section, showed unusual boxing skills for a first-time fighter. Starbird worked with a good right lead and impressive jab; and easily outpointed his 186 lb. opponent, Lee Burkey.

Although bleeding heavily from a cut over his left eye, Starbird consistently landed scoring combinations, and emerged from the 4-round bout with a unanimous decision and a standing ovation from his local fan club.

▲ LAS VEGAS — The atmosphere at the Silver Slipper's Strip Fight of the Week was pervaded by slogans of "Think Pink." That was the cry of the crowd from Seattle who had come to cheer their heavyweight hero, Pinklon Thomas.

And Thomas proved that he merited their cheers when he KO'd tough Leroy Caldwell at 2:48 of the tenth round.

It was the type of Pier 6 slugfest that delights boxing fans; and each fighter appeared on the verge of knocking down the other out throughout the fight.

Caldwell, at 218, had the lighter Thomas, at 208, in trouble numerous times, but was unable to finish him off.

Caldwell started strong in every round, but slowed down in the final moments, when Thomas took over.

Caldwell suffered a bloody nose from the first round on; and both fighters were hampered by puffed eyes from the eighth round on.

Both were in a state of semi-exhaustion by the seventh round; but it was Thomas' superior stamina that finally paid off. With twelve seconds left in the final round, Caldwell dropped his left hand; and Thomas moved in with a straight right that sent his burly opponent to the canvas.

The semi-main of featherweights was completely one-sided as Lionel "Flapping Eagle" Harney of Carson City managed a shutout over Francisco Pico of Los Angeles. The cards of all three judges read 60-54 in favor of Harney.

Another scheduled six-round featherweight bout ended early when Ricardo Jiminez of Los Angeles won a TKO over Harvard Betts at 2:18 of the fourth round.

▲ LAS VEGAS — James Moultrie, 134, of Portland, Oregon entered the Silver Slipper ring carrying a bible in one hand. But the Portland lightweight, also known as "Preacherman," didn't need the bible to score a win over his opponent, Jamie Nava, of Los Angeles.

Instead, it was his own destructive right hand, and his opponent's cornerman, which won him a victory by disqualification.

Moultrie punched his less-skilled opponent mercilessly for most of six rounds. Nava's cornerman, Jim Montoya, tried in vain to get referee, Joey Curtis to stop the fight. However, Curtis, as usual, paid no heed to Montoya's pleadings or to Nava's brutal punishment.

At 1:55 of the sixth round, Montoya threw in the towel and jumped into the ring to stop the fight. Moultrie might have won by TKO; except that Nevada law dictates that the corner cannot quit for a fighter during a round.

And so, Moultrie's win was by disqualification.

Nava, 135, at no time appeared to be able to handle the taller, more experienced Moultrie. Nava was doomed early in the third round when Moultrie connected with a right uppercut that left his opponent seated on the canvas. From that point on, Moultrie needed no help with his Bible; and it was just a matter of time until the fight was finally stopped.

In a heavyweight prelim, highly-touted James Patrick Hoover lost a close decision to Arnold Sam, an Indian from Carson City, Nevada. Hoover put up little defense against his Indian opponent; and lost by majority decision.

A heavyweight prelim saw Jeff Podgurski, 192, score an impressive TKO over Lew Lockwood, 194, at 1:26 of the third round.

Podgurski delivered a chopping right cross that sent his opponent to the canvas. The fight was mercifully stopped by the referee.

The heavyweight card opener ended in a knockout when Jesus Meneses, 205,.of Tucson, Arizona stopped Walter Cloud, 215¼, of Las Vegas, with four seconds left in the fourth round.

This fight, like others which involved Cloud, was a combination of pushing and wrestling. Cloud was warned by the referee when he threw his opponent to the canvas in the second round and later pushed Meneses across the ring and onto the ropes.

The tactics were useless, however, and Cloud hit the canvas for the final kayo by his more effective opponent.

▲ LAS VEGAS — Steve Delgado maintained his Las Vegas winning streak with a ten-round split decision over tough opponent Jacinto Fernandez.

Their middleweight bout was the main event at the Silver Slipper's Strip Fight of the Week.

Both Delgado, of Las Vegas, and Fernandez, of Tucson, Arizona, worked constantly to the opponent's head. Delgado managed to shake off most of Fernandez' brutal punches . . . meanwhile landing his own head shots with rapid-fire consistency.

Neither man came close to a knockdown, and the decision was based on the number of head shots landed by the respective fighters.

Judge Art Lurie gave the fight to Fernandez at 98-94; but Judge Dave Moretti scored 97-94 for Delgado; and Dwayne Ford saw it 96-95, also for Delgado.

All three preliminary bouts on the card ended in early knockouts.

In the semi-main, welterweight Jose Ozona, 141, of Los Angeles, scored a KO over Louis Daniels, 141, of Las Vegas. Ozona, working from a crouch, hit Daniels with a left uppercut that sent him half-way through the ropes. The kayo was scored at 2:40 of the third round.

A scheduled six-rounder of Las Vegas heavyweights ended also in the third round when Jeff Podgurski scored a TKO over an out-of-shape Mike Creel. The TKO came at 1:38 of the third round.

The card-opener lasted only two rounds as Tyrone Rackley, 155, of Tucson, punished 155 lb. Mike Murray, of Los Angeles, with a barrage of head and body shots. Murray was unable to counter his opponent's punches; and the fight was stopped at 1:35 of the second round.

▲ LAS VEGAS — Leon Mesa, 138½, of La Puente, Calif., proved to Silver Slipper fans that he has the courage of a top-class fighter.

Mesa fought a ten-round bout with hands so bruised and swollen he could barely remove his gloves at the end of the bout.

The hands had been damaged by the brutal punches that Mesa threw at his opponent, Nick Alfaro, 138½, of Tucson, Arizona.

Mesa's punches were so devastating that Alfaro suffered severe cuts over both the right and left eye, and bled profusely for most of the bout.

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Alfaro survived the full ten rounds, but lost a unanimous decision to the courageous Mesa.

A semi-main of middleweights ended in a stunning knockout as Chris Black, 160¼, of Las Vegas, hit the canvas face down at 1:06 of the third round. Black was kayoed by Ted Sanders, 160¼, of Lakewood, California. Although Black appeared to be holding his own in the first two rounds, he was totally ineffective from the beginning of the third. Sanders hit him with a left-right combination so fierce that Black was semi-conscious for several minutes after the knockout.

A scheduled six-round prelim of junior middleweights ended in a TKO, as Tyrone Rackley, 148, of Tucson, Arizona, swarmed all over his opponent, Gary Giron, 150, of Mason, Nevada. Giron was down twice — once nearly through the ropes — before the fight was stopped at 1:19 of the 4th round.

In a six-round featherweight prelim, Las Vegan Fred Roach maintained his unbeaten record with an easy, unanimous decision over Adolfo Hurtado, 126, of Los Angeles.

The featherweight card opener saw an impressive performance by Blane Dickson, of El Monte, Calif. Dickson, in his first professional fight, far out-classed his more experienced opponent, Ney Santiago, of Los Angeles. Dickson forced Santiago to a corner; and pounded him with head and body shots until the fight was stopped at 2:43 of the second round, with Dickson winning a TKO.

▲ LAS VEGAS — Jose "Kid Dynamite" Morales, the Nevada lightweight champion, proved the merit of his nickname, when he kayoed Chuy Rodriguez, of Los Angeles, at 2:37 of the fifth round.

Their State Title Bout was one of three main events at the Sahara Fight Night, presented by the hotel and promoter Tony Trudnich.

The win is the 13th in a row for "Kid Dynamite", who dominated the fight from the opening bell. The final punch appeared to be a low blow; but was later deemed a legitimate shot in the stomach.

A distressed Morales took the microphone; and explained to the crowd, in half-Spanish, half-English that: "The officials say it was a good, clean blow to the stomach; it was not a low blow".

Rodriguez was in severe pain from the liver shot; and had to be helped to his corner after the knockout.

The second bout on the card was a title elimination for the North American Boxing Federation welterweight title.

Eighth-ranked Pepe Dominguez, scored a split decision over sixth-ranked Howard Jackson.

Jackson, who is more impressive as a kick boxer, seemed ineffective and listless against the more aggressive Dominguez. But the judges were divided in their scoring: as Dalby Shirley gave the fight to Jackson, 96-94, but Art Lurie scored 96-94 for Dominguez and Harold Buck saw it 98-92, also for Dominguez.

Jackson provided more action after the fight at ringside, as he lunged at Dominguez's trainer, Jesse Reid. Jackson attacked Reid with some of his kick-boxing moves until security guards finally hauled him away.

Jackson later apologized for his behavior, saying: "My opponent and his manager have been bugging me all day long. I really think I won that decision, and when they gave it to Dominguez, it just set me off."

The most exciting in-ring fight of the night was the super-bantamweight battle between Nicky Perez, the NABF and U.S. Champ, and little-known Carlo Contuh.

Contuh, who was a late replacement for originally slated Melvin Johnson, probably wished he had stayed at home.

He was totally helpless against the swift and skilled Perez, who sent him to the canvas in the third round, and again in the fourth. The fight was finally stopped at 2:51 of the fourth round.

SHIRLEY NORMAN

NEW JERSEY

▲ ATLANTIC CITY—Steel Pier Arena— Hot Philadelphia bantam Jeff Chandler scored an easy third-round TKO over outclassed Alberto Cruz, Dallas, Texas. This was the fifth in a series of ten summer cards promoted by Gelb Productions and the Resorts International Casino.

Chandler, 114½, was in complete control from the opening bell until he stretched the mismatched Mexican with a lightning right to the jaw early in the third. Cruz, 110¼, bravely staggered to his feet at the count of nine but referee Tony Perez wisely called a halt.

Cruz was in way over his head and looked clumsy and amateurish. He stumbled around the ring catching everything Chandler threw. It was an act of mercy, for both Cruz and the audience, that Perez stopped it when he did.

"I think I'm ready for some top people," said Chandler. "I want better competition."

South Philly's Johnny Cooper, 147, scored a third-round knockout over wild-swinging Quasin Patrick, 148, Clark, N.J. but not before he paid a trip to the canvas in the second.

Patrick, a strong but unskilled brawler, nailed Cooper with a righthanded haymaker for his only moment of glory. The rest of the fight belonged to the quick-hooking Philadelphian.

The end came at 2:03 of the third when the tired Patrick went down and out following a steady pounding.

Chandler's Juniper Gym stablemate Kevin Perry, 155¼, decisioned rugged Ben Serrano, 157, in the evening's best rumble.

Perry dropped Seranno with a sharp left hook near the end of the first round but did not have enough time to follow up. Seranno battled back gamely for the remainder of the match but was too slow to take advantage of Perry, who tired in the fourth and last round.

North Philly's "Cho Cho" Charlie Brown, 139, had no trouble disposing of Henry Barber, 139, Phila., at 0:45 of the third. It was strictly no contest. Body blows finished the reluctant Barber.

In the walkout bout, Ron Aurit, 134, Phila., stopped Robert Stevenson, 127¼, in five to round out the show.

▲ ATLANTIC CITY—Steel Pier Arena—Hometown hero Ernie Bing edged Canadian lightweight champ Gaetan Hart via a controversial split decision over ten action-packed rounds.

The announcement of the decision sparked several ringside fistfights between Canadian vacationers and Bing's local fans, both of whom felt sure their man had won.

It was an interesting, hard fought battle all the way and there was little to choose between the pair. They had fought to a draw a few months prior in Canada and both times Hart felt he had been robbed.

Bing, 135, got off to an excellent start behind his educated left hand. Over the first three rounds he caught Hart, 134, often with pretty jabs and hooks.

Hart kept plugging away and came into his own during the middle part of the fight. He bothered Bing with lefts and rights to the head and seemed to be pulling ahead when Bing rallied in the ninth.

A solid right sent Hart back on his heels as the fans whooped it up. It proved, however, to be Bing's last fling. Hart had a big tenth round, punishing the tired local with both hands.

At the sound of the final bell, Hart raised his arms high, thinking that his strong finish had cemented the decision in his favor. How wrong he proved to be.

Referee Paul Venti voted for Gaetan 5-4-1 but was overruled by the two ringside judges, who went for Bing, 5-3-2 and 4-3-3.

Hart was very bitter and vowed never to return to Atlantic City.

Unbeaten featherweight sensation Derrick Holmes, 122½, Maryland, made quick work of Jersey's Fernando Martinez, 120. A series of rapid-fire rights ended the bout at 2:28 of the first.

Vineland's John Bovenzi, 152, knocked Malik Mohammed, 158, clean out of the ring for a spectacular fourth round knockout. A tremendous right to the head put Mohammed threw the ropes and onto a press table. He remained there, with his legs sticking straight up in the air, until the referee counted him out at 2:37.

Baltimore heavy Malick Dozier, a massive 225, stopped A.C.'s Wilbert Williams, 198, at 2:12 of the second. Neither man showed much but Dozier had the size to club his man down to dismal defeat.

In a bout that closed the show, South Philly's Tony Mesoraca, 171, decisioned Trenton's Harry Fryer, 170, in four.

This was another Gelb-Resorts International promotion and it drew a fine house of eleven hundred fans at the small fifteen hundred seat venue.

▲ ATLANTIC CITY — Steel Pier — Gnarled middleweight veteran Bennie Briscoe chopped up game Tex-Mex Joe Barrientes to score a sixth-round TKO. Briscoe, 36, may be old and slow, but he's still quite a handful for anyone foolish enough to stand and swap leathrr.

Barrientes, who survived a Purple Heart tour of Viet Nam, marched bravely into Briscoe and paid the price. The ringside doctor refused to let Joe come out for the seventh and under New Jersey rules it will be recorded as a sixth-round stoppage for Briscoe.

Over the first several rounds, Briscoe, a sluggish 164, seemed to be fighting in slow motion. Barrientes, 161½, beat him to the punch, but the Dallas-based journeyman's best shots had little or no effect.

Briscoe rolled back the clock for one tremendous right hand in the fourth. The punch, reminiscent of Bennie's glory years, landed high on the head and sent Barrientes crashing to the floor.

Barrientes gallantly struggled to his feet and was rescued moments later by the bell.

Referee Vince Rainone penalized Briscoe a point in the fifth when the Philadelphian spun Barrientes by the waist and threw him to the canvas. Arithmetic, however, became irrelevant the following round when Briscoe opened Barrientes' face up like a can of beans.

Jarring jabs, clubbing rights, and a couple of well-placed butts opened cuts over and between both of poor Joe's eyes, as well as a gash on the scalp. At the conclusion of the round, it was obvious that Barrientes would not be able to absorb any more abuse.

"Butts caused some of the cuts but he did the worst one with a punch," said Barrientes. "I wish I could have stayed with him, but he's a tough guy and a good hitter, even at his age. It's no disgrace losing to him."

"I don't try to fool myself," said Briscoe. "I know I'm not the Bennie Briscoe I used to be. They all want to beat Bennie Briscoe. They figure I'm old. I still got some surprises for some of them though."

Philadelphia's Kid Samson and Long Island's Tom McNeece battled to an entertaining six-round draw in the main prelim.

Samson, 180, landed the better quality punches, but McNeece, 178, always rallied back with quick combos to stay in the match.

Upper Darby slugger Vic Pappa, 140, punched his way to an easy fourth-round TKO over oft-beaten Angel Cintron, 139, New York City.

Jimmie Sykes, the fighting bus driver from Philly, overcame a rough start to stop Emmett Johnson, Warminster, Pa., in 0:26 of the sixth and final round. Johnson, 161½, scored with some telling shots in the first two ruunds but was slowly worn down by Sykes' pressure tactics.

In the walkout bout, unbeaten Philadelphian Greg Winston, 133, made quick work of Clifford Smith, 137½, Phila., ending the mismatch inside of two heats.

The show was promoted by Resorts International Hotel Casino and Frank Gelb. The main event was televised over the PRISM cable network.

▲ ATLANTIC CITY — Steel Pier — Philadelphia's latest terror, Jerry "The Bull" Martin captured the vacant North American Boxing Federation light heavyweight title with a 12th round TKO over Dale Grant of Tacoma, Washington. The belt had been vacant since former holder Matthew Saad Muhammad graduated to the WBC crown.

Martin, by far the superior man physically, blasted Grant with no less than five knockdowns before referee Paul Venti ended matters at 1:43 of the twelfth. It was a long overdue intevention.

Grant, 174, tried to jab and move and at times he was successful. His stinging left and smart legwork had "The Bull" off-balance and lunging for much of the fight. It was Dale's inability to take a solid shot to the head that was his downfall.

Thumping overhand rights to the head dumped Grant for automatic eight-counts in the seventh, eighth, ninth, and twelfth rounds. A vicious body combination accounted for the knockdown in the eleventh.

Martin, 175, is so strong he can overcome many of his mistakes. He takes a good punch and is rapidly closing in on a

world ranking.

New Jersey featherweight champ Gerald Hayes was robbed when his eight-rounder with Maryland's Derrick Holmes was ruled a draw.

Hayes, 126, took the fight to the much heralded Holmes and landed most of the damaging blows. Holmes was badly bruised under his right eye and seeping blood from his nose and mouth at the final bell.

Holmes, 124½, flurried well at times, but except in the fourth round, the majority of his punches were either blocked or picked off by the slick boxing Hayes.

Down the stretch, it was all Hayes, and if the match had been scheduled for ten, a stoppage would have been likely.

Massive Baltimore heavy Malik Dozier, 226, decisioned Mike "The Mad Russian" Tarasewich, 188, over six one-sided rounds. Tarasewich led with his face and Dozier obliged by pounding it into silly putty.

Philly heavyweight Broderick Mason, 196, body punched his way to a second-round knockout over reluctant Munit Gasim, 210, Newark. It was not much of a fight, as the loser was a late sub and did little to earn his purse.

Local Atlantic City favorite Tyrone Demby, 159½, iced Newark's John Thompson, 156, in 1:56 of the first to close the show.

NIGEL COLLINS

▲ RAHWAY — Under the blazing sun of the Rahway State Prison yard, James Scott scored his sixth straight victory, halting Italian light heavyweight champion Ennio Cometti. Extending his record to 16-0-1, Scott thwarted the advances of Cometti, who seemed intent on staying inside his jarring hooks.

The defeat was the fifth for Cometti (31-5-2), a southpaw from Bergamo, Italy, and it came when Dr. Philip McLaren, the prison physician, stopped the fight because of a small gash on his eyelid at the end of the fifth round.

The 5'11" Cometti opened fast and tried to press the action with bull-like rushes against the well-muscled Scott. Scott spent the first round trying to solve the southpaw's style. Thereafter, it was all Scott. He shook the Italian twice in the second round with hard rights. In the third round, Scott jolted Cometti in the mid-section and had him gasping.

The fourth round saw Cometti open up with a flurry, but it was short lived as Scott countered with hard right hand shots and, in the final minute, dug another right into Ennio's stomach. A slashing right midway through the fifth round opened the cut that was to eventually stop the fight.

Referee Larry Hazzard had to warn Cometti for butting in the second, fourth, and fifth rounds, but it seemed to be the only attack he could mount. "This fellow was tough and he came in with everything he had, his head, his elbows, everything," Scott said after the fight.

In preliminary bouts, Guy Kennedy of New York City beat inmate John Detts by a unanimous four-round middleweight decision. Philadelphian Sam Grant clowned through a four-round middleweight go and lost to Rahway resident Larry Lynch.

ART MAXIM

NEW YORK

NEW YORK CITY — Felt Forum — Johnny Turner, Brooklyn welter, was to have met world champ Wilfred Benitez in a non-title go before the latter's scheduled December 1 defense against Ray Leonard. Benitez, however, decided he would skip all fights until he met with Leonard, sending Turner back to meeting "club fighters" with varying degrees of ability.

Well, the first "club fighter" proved to be the wrong one. Santiago Valdez, a recent graduate of the University of Indiana, stopped Turner in the second round of a scheduled ten-round bout at the Forum.

In the first round, Turner, 150, caught Valdez with his left three times, hurting him, and then landed a right. It was Johnny's round until he went down just before the finish of the session and ref Joe Santarpia called it a knockdown.

Valdez, apparently, saw something in the Turner arsenal that he did not respect. Santiago, 151, came out for the second like he had a job to do and staggered Turner with a hard right hand. He followed that punch with another right and then another which sent Turner to the ropes. Then Valdez threw his left and down went Turner. Johnny, up at eight, leaned helplessly against the ropes and Santiago hit him in the face with two quick rights. A Valdez left to the midsection followed and Santarpia stopped it at 1:35 of the round.

Santiago, from Hamilton, Ohio, notched his fifteenth victory against four losses. Turner is now 31-2-1.

In the co-feature, also scheduled for ten, "Gentleman" Gerald Cooney, 225, ran his unbeaten record to nineteen by knocking out Broderick Mason, 197, Philadelphia, in 1:34 of the fourth. Cooney's patented left hook to the rib cage did the trick. It was the 6'5' Irishman's sixteenth kayo. Mason is now 9-4.

There were two eight-rounders. In the first one, Juan Laporte, 127, Brooklyn, had no trouble in disposing of Andres Malanga Torres, 127, Santurce, Puerto Rico. Referee Santarpia stopped it at 1:02 of the sixth round after a cute right had put Torres on the seat of his pants. Andres was also down in the third. The other scheduled eight-round bout saw Jose Nieto, 127, use Monito Jimenez, 126½, for a punching bag until the fight was stopped after the bell ended the seventh round. Jimenez made the mistake of retreating into a corner. He probably figured that Nieto would tire himself out, but there was no chance of that happening.

Three scheduled four-round bouts rounded out the program. Johnny Barretto, 130, Brooklyn, won a unanimous decision over Glen Guy, 127, New York City. Bill Costello, 138 , Kingston, New York, won a unanimous duke over Angel Ortiz, 140, Springfield, Mass. Norberto Sabater, 160, Ponce, Puerto Rico, won unanimous decision over Miguel Sanchez, 153, Bridgeport, Connecticut. Sabater, who may be a comer, is now 6-0.

The gross gate was $30,559, contributed by three thousand four hudred and thirty-two customers.

HERBERT G. GOLDMAN

▲ NEW YORK CITY — Armory—Nancy Sciacca promoted the first boxing card in the 143rd Street Armory in forty years.

Eddie (Flame) Gregory, 178¼, TKO'd Fred Brown, 172½, Norfolk, Virginia, at 2:09 of the third round. Gregory, who was fighting his second bout in six days, had trouble working up a perspiration — even in the sweltering arena. (The card was held on a ninety-degree evening.) After playing jacks for the first heat, a newly trim, flat-stomached Gregory drew blood from Brown's nose with a fast series of hard left jabs in round two. Flame started to smile and giggle — like Dr. Jeckyll did during the change. The third saw Eddie score with a ripping six-punch combination to the face. The ref rushed in and stopped it — perhaps a little early, but Brown had already proven he was in there with a lion and had forgotten his whip and chair. Gregory is now 32-4.

In his first fight since he lost a narrow decision to Manuel Jiminez in the Garden on May 21, smooth junior middle Marvin Jenkins, 146, New York City, scored a quick win over veteran Jesse Lara, 150, Mexico. Lara has, apparently, been to the water cooler too often. Jenkins just ripped him from navel to nostrils with combinations until Lara had to take a nine-count from a double right hand to body and head. Referee Billy Graham stopped it at 2:41 of the first. Jenkins has won himself a place in local rings.

Coming in as a last minute substitute was New Jersey state featherweight champion Gerald Hayes. Hayes, the number two ranked U.S. feather, came in for a *four-rounder* with novice Tommy Bar, 121½, Philadelphia. (That's like matching Don Knotts with Godzilla.) The miles-more-experienced Hayes made it as short and painful as possible, knocking out Bar in 1:42 of the first round. A solid left hook exploded on Bar's right eye and sent him down. *Fine.*

Teo Ozuna, 139, Dominican Republic, won a rugged eight-round decision over allegedly overmatched defensive stylist Danny Daniels, 138, Newark, scoring three knockdowns en route. Daniels showed surprising aggressiveness and wasn't afraid to swap long jabs and counterpunches with an (at first) unconcerned Ozuna. Teo seemed confident that he would wear down Daniels in the heat, as Danny had never shown as much pep and drive before. Ozuna confined himself to an occasional hard right cross for the first four rounds. In the fifth, Daniels stung Ozuna with a three-punch combo to the head and, as a careless Teo roared back, Danny snuck in a looping left hook to the jaw. Down went Teo for a count of seven. The bell rang, and Ozuna had sixty seconds to think over the humiliation, and he came out for the sixth round in a nasty humor. A body shot put Daniels down for five and took plenty of cornstarch out of him. Danny went down again later in the round — from lack of wind. Ozuna pulled out the win by giving Daniels a going over in the last two heats, decking him for the third time in the eighth round with a wrist-deep right shot to the belly. Teo is a crafty veteran who has already conquered a variety of styles in his New York area stay, and could hold his own with any contender I could name.

Comebacking Al Styles, Jr., 162, Philadelphia, won a unanimous eight-round decision over taller Jesus Castro, 162¼, Dominican Republic, who had a tremendous advantage in reach. Castro, however, allowed Al to set the pattern. He showed no attack beyond a long left jab, and Al kept up a steady attack of regulation heavy artillery — not deadly, but certainly worth a lot of points. Castro was knocked to his haunches in the sixth round by a sucker left hook to the jaw. He fought back in the last two heats, but the betting window was already closed and the race had been won. Styles — by a California Freeway.

Robert Rucker, 133½, New York City, halted Glenn Guy, 129, Philadelphia, who retired in his corner between the fourth and fifth rounds after being staggered in the fourth.

Tony (Kid) Santana, 131, New York City, used a barrage of about twenty punches to put the ten-count on Melvin Boynton, 128, Newark, in 2:31 of the second round.

The paid attendance was one-thousand, three-hundred fifty-seven.

CHARLES D. BROWN

▲ ROCHESTER — Monroe County Dome Arena — Rocky Fratto, 154½. Geneva, New York, kept his winning streak intact as he kayoed Pat Murphy, 156½, Secaucus, New Jersey, in 2:55 of the seventh round in a scheduled ten-rounder.

Fratto, now 17-0, elected to swap with the aggressive Murphy, and, though Murphy connected at times, it was Fratto who was doing the serious damage, cutting Murphy around the left eye in the fourth and putting him through the ropes with a volley in the seventh. Murphy staggered up just as referee Frank Adams finished tolling the ten-count. It was a real crowd pleaser.

In an action packed six-rounder, Frankie Minigan, 143½, Rochester, outscored Tim La Valley, 142, Troy, New York, in an exciting punchout that earned a standing ovation for both battlers. Minigan is handled by Frank Verna.

In another scheduled six, Tony Salvatore, 128½, Montreal, stopped Felix Rodriguez, 120, Springfield, Mass., at 1:12 of the second round. The ever busy Canadian was pummeling Rodriguez against the ropes when Felix's corner decided that their boy had had enough.

Still another scheduled six-rounder saw Mike Boswell, 216, Rochester, return to action with a TKO over Tim Murphy, 188, Troy, at 2:16 of the third. Boswell had dropped Murphy twice.

An excellent crowd of around twenty-four hundred attended the show, which was promoted by the Canastota Boxing Club.

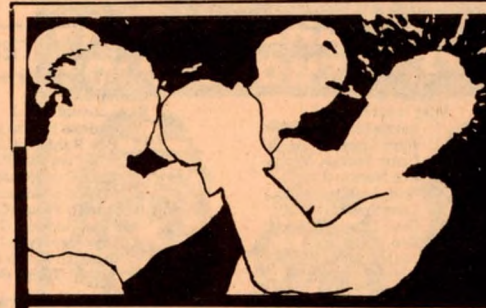
JIM LEO

OKLAHOMA

▲ TULSA — Assembly Center—Professional boxing returned to Tulsa after an eight-year absence as promoter Robert B. Hudson presented a five-bout card here at the Assembly Center.

A small crowd of 250 saw Wichita, Kansas, welterweight Pat Hallacy stop veteran Sonny Moore of New York City. Moore was knocked down three times in the third round for a TKO at 2:10 of the session. Hallacy is now 21-1 as a professional.

In a scheduled ten-round light heavyweight bout, "Poison" Ivy Brown TKO'd Frankie Evans, Port Arthur, Texas. Evans was unable to come out for the fifth. Brown, from Kansas City, Mo.,



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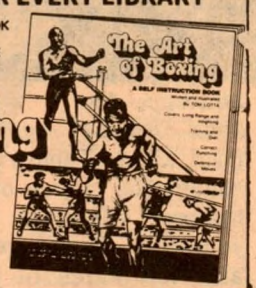

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had taken complete charge of the bout in the fourth round by scoring well with straight rights and with uppercuts. Evans, hurt several times during the round, claimed that he had been thumbed in the round and that he was unable to see out of his right eye. Brown is now 18-7 as a pro.

Frankie Newton halted Herman Page, Fort Worth, Texas, at 1:15 of the first in a scheduled six-round lightweight bout. Newton, from Oklahoma City, is now 6-0 as a professional.

Louie "Piggie" Brown, Okmulgee, Ok., won a six-round unanimous decision over Larry Montgomery of Fort Worth in a battle of heavyweights.

In the opener, eighteen-year-old Dennis Horne, Oklahoma City, stopped Don Masterson, Muskogee, OK., at 2:30 of the third. Horne opened cuts over both of Masterson's eyes before the referee stopped the scheduled six-round middleweight bout. Horne is now 14-3 with nine kayoes.

Promoter Hudson was disappointed by the light turnout, but said that he is going to run a show once a month.

RON COPHER

PENNSYLVANIA

▲ PHILADELPHIA — Three local prospects continued their progress at the expense of a trio of seasoned veterans before a crowd of 4,548 at the Spectrum. It was the sort of show that will pay dividends in the future as younger fighters replace the old guard and win fans with impressive showings.

In the main event, unbeaten middleweight Curtis Parker swarmed to a unanimous decision over fellow Philadelphian Willie "The Worm" Monroe in a bruising ten rounder.

It was the old story of an up-and-coming youngster making a name for himself by knocking off an established, but aging, fighter. Monroe, 30, did not make it easy for Parker. He made a brave stand, making Curtis fight for every point.

Parker, 159½, mounted a non-stop attack at the opening bell that never let up until the match was over. The 20-year-old slugger, from the Frankford section of the city, cut loose with a constant stream of short-arm hooks that finally wore down the cagey Monroe.

Over the first half of the bout, the "Worm" held his own, calling on the vast experience gained during a decade of leather pushing. Willie rocked Parker with solid left hooks in the second and bloodied his nose with jabs in the fourth.

At times it looked like Monroe's snake-like left and ring craft would hold Parker at bay. However, the pace proved too much.

After an exciting exchange of combinations in the sixth, Monroe began to fade. Parker's persistent work to the body started to pay off as Monroe stopped punching back with as much authority as in the early going.

During the last three rounds, Parker really poured it on. Hards rights to the head hurt Monroe, 161, but he bravely stayed the course.

It was a big win for Parker, now 13-0, with twelve kayoes. Monroe was by far the best boxer he has faced to date and judging by the way Curtis handled himself, more good things are in store. He is a definite factor in the always interesting middleweight scene.

Monroe, who dropped to 39-8-1 (twenty-two kayoes), showed that he still has plenty of fight left in him and will be a stern test for anybody for a few years yet.

The official scores were 48-44, 49-44, and 49-43, all in favor of the winner.

Local strongman Jerry "The Bull" Martin advanced with an impressive eighth round TKO over New Yorker Willie "The Bull" Taylor in the second of three scheduled tens.

Both of these "Bulls" have difficulty finding opponents willing to meet them so this was billed as a fight between two men nobody wants. In truth, following his thrilling victory, Martin will be much in demand in local rings. He is a face to watch in the light heavyweight ranks.

Taylor, 181, met Martin, 180, head on and for the first five rounds they stood toe-to-toe and let fly. The close quarters battle was brutal, if not pretty.

Both sluggers gave and received, with Martin's sharper punches holding a slight edge. It looked like they might brawl to a decision when Jerry wisely decided to move to the center of the ring in the sixth.

With more room to punch, the fight swayed in Martin's favor. He loaded up with punishing left jabs and crashing rights to the head. Taylor was in bad shape at the end of the seventh and the ringside medic took a long look at him between rounds.

Martin wasted no time ending matters in the eighth. Two hard digs to the gut set Taylor up for a smashing right to the jaw. The power of the punch sent Willie sideways to the floor. He was in no shape to continue and referee Frank Capcino called a halt without a count at fifty-five seconds of the round.

Martin went over well with the blood-thirsty Philly fans and raised his pro log to 14-1 with nine early endings.

New Jersey's "Irish" Ted Mann extended his winning run with a sixth round TKO over 32-year-old Perry "Li'l" Abner in the third ten spot.

Abner, who had not fought in two years, should have stayed in retirement. He does not have anything left except a big heart. Another outing like this one could spell big trouble for the popular middle.

Mann, 158¼, was in control all the way. He peppered Abner, 159, with rights for the first five rounds and then opened up in the sixth.

A left-right decked Perry for an eight-count and he made the mistake of getting up. A volly of sharp shots to the head dumped him for a second time and, even though he beat the count again, referee Joe O'Neil stepped in at 1:56. It was a good move.

Mann is hot and a bout with Bennie Briscoe is scheduled for the near future.

Rugged Mike Ross spoiled the perfect record of crosstown rival Greg Winston in the pick of the prelims with an action-packed draw over six rounds.

Ross, 139, started fast, allowed Winston to come on in the middle rounds, and then stormed back to earn the draw with a strong rally in the last round. Many felt that Ross had done enough to win and a rematch is a good bet. Both men are from Philly.

Tony Suero, 150, Phila., hammered outclassed Wallace Bat-

UNITED STATES RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion:
Mike Weaver (Calif.)
1. Earnie Shavers (Ohio)
2. John Tate (Tenn.)
3. Leroy Jones (Colo.)
4. Ken Norton (Calif.)
5. Scott LeDoux (Minn.)
6. Leon Spinks (Mo.)
7. Ossie Ocasio (P.R.)
8. Ron Lyle (Colo.)
9. Jimmy Young (Pa.)
10. Gerry Cooney (N.Y.)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Title Vacant
1. Marvin Johnson (Ind.)
2. Yaqui Lopez (Calif.)
3. Mike Rossman (N.J.)
4. James Scott (N.J.)
5. Eddie Gregory (N.Y.)
6. Marvin Camel (Mont.)
7. Jesse Burnett (Calif.)
8. Carlos DeLeon (P.R.)
9. Jerry Martin (Pa.)
10. Vonzell Johnson (Ohio)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion:
Marvin Hagler (Mass.)
1. Ronnie Harris (Ohio)
2. Mike Colbert (Ore.)
3. David Love (Calif.)
4. Ray Seales (Wash.)
5. Bennie Briscoe (Pa.)
6. Dwight Davison (Mich.)
7. Curtis Parker (Pa.)
8. Wilford Scypion (Texas)
9. Mike Baker (Wash., D.C.)
10. Rudy Robles (Calif.)

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion:
Rocky Mosley, Jr. (Nev.)
1. Tony Chiaverini (Mo.)
2. Jerry Cheatham (Ariz.)
3. Johnny Sullivan (Ore.)
4. Alvin Anderson (Md.)
5. Wilson Bell (Mich.)
6. Freddie Johnson (La.)
7. Roger Leonard (Md.)
8. Melvin Dennis (Texas)
9. Ken Croom (Calif.)
10. Zeferino Gonzalez (Calif.)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion:
Ray Leonard (Md.)
1. Thomas Hearns (Mich.)
2. Pete Ranzany (Calif.)
3. Angel Espada (P.R.)
4. Andy Price (Calif.)
5. Manuel Jimenez (P.R.)
6. Adolfo Viruet (Calif.)
7. Nino Gonzalez (N.J.)
8. Domingo Ayala (P.R.)
9. Santiago Valdez (Ind.)
10. Johnny Turner (N.Y.)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Title Vacant
1. Saoul Mamby (N.J.)
2. Esteban DeJesus (P.R.)
3. Sean O'Grady (Okla.)
4. Bruce Curry (Texas)
5. Sammy Ayala (Texas)
6. Jimmy Corkum (Mass.)
7. Tony Petronelli (Mass.)
8. Curtis Ramsey (Ore.)
9. Willie Rodriguez (Pa.)
10. Ruby Ortiz (N.Y.)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Title Vacant
1. Johnny Lira (Ill.)
2. Howard Davis Jr. (N.Y.)
3. Jorge Morales (P.R.)
4. Aaron Pryor (Ohio)
5. Hilmer Kenty (Mich.)
6. Edwin Viruet (P.R.)
7. Andy Ganigan (Hawaii)
8. Herman Montes (Calif.)
9. Reynaldo Zaragoza (Calif.)
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JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Title Vacant
1. Frankie Baltazar (Calif.)
2. Bobby Chacon (Calif.)
3. Greg Coverson (Mich.)
4. Robert Elizondo (Texas)
5. Arturo Leon (Ariz.)
6. Ernest Bing (N.J.)
7. Jerome Artis (Pa.)
8. Luke Ervin (N.J.)
9. Alex Alatore (Calif.)
10. Roy Hernandez (Texas)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion:
Reuben Castillo (Calif.)
1. Mike Ayala (Texas)
2. Abdul Bey (Hawaii)
3. Gerald Hayes (N.J.)
4. Fel Clemente (Calif.)
5. Warren Matthews (La.)
6. Alberto Collazo (Pa.)
7. Carmelo Negron (N.Y.)
8. Jose Nieto (N.Y.)
9. Juan LaPorte (N.Y.)
10. Alfonso Evans (Pa.)

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion:
Nicky Perez (Ariz.)
1. Juan (Kid) Meza (Calif.)
2. Javier Flores (Utah)
3. David Ramalho (Mass.)
4. William Berry (N.J.)
5. Rocky Lockridge (Wash.)
6. Earl Large (Ariz.)
7. Derrick Holmes (Va.)
8. Eddie Logan (Calif.)
9. Cookie Valencia (Utah)
10. Melvin Johnson (Calif.)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Title Vacant
1. Alberto Davila (Calif.)
2. Julian Solis (P.R.)
3. Oscar Muniz (Calif.)
4. Alberto Sandoval (Calif.)
5. Andres Hernandez (P.R.)
6. Jeff Chandler (Pa.)
7. Andres Torres (P.R.)
8. Artemo Jerome (Calif.)
9. Ignacio Osorio (Calif.)
10. David Capo (N.Y.)

FLYWEIGHTS
Title Vacant
1. Joey Olivo (Calif.)
2. Orlando Maldonado (P.R.)
3. Willie Jensen (Nev.)
4. Mike Stuart (Calif.)
5. Fred Jackson (Tenn.)
6. John Carter (Ill.)
7. Jose Ortiz (P.R.)
8. Mario Chavez (Calif.)
9. Candelario Inglesias (Ariz.)
10. Arturo Tebaqui (Ariz.)

Larry Holmes (Pa.) is the WBC heavyweight champion. Matthew Saad Muhammad (Matthew Franklin) (Pa.) is the WBC light heavyweight champion. Wilfred Benitez (P.R.), world welterweight champion; Samuel Serrano (P.R.), world junior lightweight champion; Danny Lopez (Calif.), world featherweight champion; Wilfredo Gomez (P.R.), world junior featherweight champion.

tles, 153, for a TKO at 2:35 of the second. Two knockdowns rendered the game Battles helpless and the ref intervened.

Heavyweight Marty Capasso, 212, Aston, Pa., plodded to a dull eight-round decision over New Jersey's Jerry Thompkins, 205. The unbeaten Capasso was no ball of fire against his average adversary and failed to impress. He is 7-0 with four kayoes.

Unbeaten lefty Gary Hinton, 135, Phila:, decisioned Dominican Jorge Nina, 137, to close the show.

NIGEL COLLINS

TEXAS

▲ BEAUMONT — Civic Center — A crowd slightly in excess of six thousand was on hand to see a four-main event card put on by Worldwide Promotions.

The evening's feature bout saw lightweight Termite Watkins stop Robert Perez of Corpus Christi at 1:00 of the seventh round in a scheduled ten. Termite had Perez down twice in the fourth round, once in the fifth round, and twice in the seventh round when referee Chris Jordan intervened to keep Robert from absorbing additional punishment. The Houston based Watkins' weight for this bout was 137, with Perez tipping the Toledos at 140. Next on hand for the Termite is an autumn clash with highly regarded Howard Davis.

Local favorites James "Bubba" Busceme and Wilford Scypion continued their winning ways in two of the other main events. Busceme, halted badly outclassed Joe Webber of New Orleans in the first round of a scheduled ten-round lightweight bout. A hard left to the chin of Webber by the southpaw Busceme spelled the end for the Crescent City pug. Scypion raised his record to 10-0 (all kayoes) when he embalmed one Herman Marquez of San Antonio in the second round of a middleweight fracas. Although these early wins by the "house fighters" met with the obvious approval of the partisan crowd, both Busceme and Scypion need to meet stiffer opposition than this in order to show their true mettle. Webber, in particular, was little more than a "human sacrifice" for the local favorite.

The card's most exciting bout saw a mild upset as junior lightweight Jerry Kornele of Galena Park, Texas, was pounded viciously by relatively unheralded Reuben Marino of San Antonio. Marino used a variety of crisp punches, including one of the snappiest left jabs this reporter has seen in many a moon, to cut up the "Fighting Leprechaun" and win the ten-round decision. To Kornele's credit, he never quit trying—even though there were times when he appeared unable to see out of his right eye. At the end of the tenth and final round, Kornele had a cut above his left eye, cuts above and below his right optic, and a wicked cut inside his upper lip. Kornele's record fell to a still impressive 26-6-1, while Marino's slate improved to 18-1.

Two scheduled six-round heavyweight clashes opened the card. In the curtain raiser, burly Tony Trimm of Galena Park halted Clarence Allen of Beaumont in the third round. The 184-lb. Allen, a former local amateur standout, was making his pro debut after a layoff of several years. The husky Trimm raised his record to 2-0. Beaumont heavyweight Vernon Johnston halted Henry (Wolf) Ray of Tyler at the 2:59 mark of the first round. Looping rights by Johnston floored Ray three times in the initial stanza, which led to the automatic stoppage by ref Paul Prejean.

▲ HOUSTON — Bill Meyer and his Olympiad International promotions group have opened the Fiesta Palace, seating about fifteen hundred fans. In the main event of their first card at this location, Calvin Sheppard, Beaumont, halted Humberto Rodriguez, Houston, in the tenth and final round of a bantamweight setto. Chris Jordan refereed. Meyer hopes to run pro cards, amateur shows, and some closed circuit showings at this location in the future.

▲ HOUSTON — Summit — Pro boxing returned to the beautiful Summit with a sparse turnout of about twenty three hundred fans on hand to see a card with the following results:

Sal Sanchez, the WBC's fourth ranked featherweight, halted Felix Trinidad of Puerto Rico in the fourth round of a scheduled ten. Adan Chavarria, Mexico, came from behind to ice Orlando Montalvo, Puerto Rico, in the fourth, welters. Jose Gallegos, Mexico, stopped Jose Latime, Puerto Rico, in the fourth round of a scheduled flyweight ten. Hugo Lumoli, Houston, TKO'd Juan Vasquez, Houston, in the sixth and final round, junior welters.

This show apparently signaled the return of big-time boxing to the Summit on a full time basis. A match between Howard Davis and Termite Watkins was announced for the near future.

C.A. JACKSON

CANADA

ONTARIO

▲ TORONTO — Canadian light heavyweight champion Gary Summerhays made one of his rare appearances in Toronto when he successfully defended his championship by scoring a six-round kayo over Damiano Pellegrino, formerly from Italy, now boxing out of this city. Pellegrino, the lighter of the two, started off the initial round at a fast clip, moving around the ring well and scoring with some good punches at long range, which gave him an edge at the end of the round. Summerhays warmed up to the job on hand in the second round and started to crowd his opponent and work the body. During one of his close in attacks to the body a well timed uppercut cut the nose of the Italian fighter. With the extra weight going for him, Summerhays, 173, kept the pressure on and Pellegrino made the mistake of trying to slug it out with his much stronger opponent. He fought back well, but was using up his strength and power trying to keep off an aggressive champion whose body punching was taking its toll. In the fifth round Summerhays had turned the fight in his favor scoring with heavy shots to the body and head which took all the snap out of his opponent. Into the sixth round, Summerhays dropped his opponent with a well timed left hook to the jaw, which forced Pellegrino to take full advantage of the eight count. Resuming action, it was not too long before Summerhays let loose with a barrage of punches which dropped Pellegrino for the second time. A slightly confused referee did not pick up the count from the knockdown timekeeper. He seemed more concerned with making sure he was facing the T.V. cameras when he halted the bout. Anyway, Summerhays knocked out Pellegrino at 2:23 of the sixth round.

On the supporting card there were a pair of six-round lightweight bouts. Johnny Summerhays, Brantford won a unanimous decision over Danny Stokes, Toronto, who was making his first start after more than a two-year retirement. In his first pro fight, Dave Donaghy, Toronto, won a decision over a thirty-one year old fighter billed as Angel Castro, hailing from Paraguay.

▲ TORONTO — The circus was back in town in the form of a professional fight card, complete with the Argo Sunshine Girls, promoted by Mircon Promotions and held with the full blessing of the Ontario Athletic Commission at the St. Lawrence Market for some 600-plus fans who shelled out $15.00 for a ticket. Six bouts were slated for the card and the semi-final bout on this extravaganza should have been a tip-off as to what to expect. The feature attraction in this bout was heavyweight Sylvester Wilder, Ohio, who in five years of action from 1973 to December 1978 had appeared in twenty-six bouts, of which he had lost sixteen by knockout and nine by decision. The one fight he did win was by a disqualification. His best year was in 1977 when he was inactive. Arriving in Toronto, he was still breathing and that got him past his medical, and keeping his record intact he went out at 1:13 of the initial round against Ron Rousselle, Toronto. In other heavyweight bouts, Barry Emo, Toronto, knocked out Albert Chard in the second round. Thirty-one year old Angel Castro, Uruguay, knocked out Jimmy Chard, Toronto, also in the second round. (Three weeks before this bout, the same Angel Castro appeared on another card and was billed from Paraguay. In a light heavyweight bout one Vlado Sakic, age forty-two, lost a six-round decision to Gigi Girish from parts unknown. Leo Marsh, Toronto, was not extended in scoring four knockdowns in less than two rounds to halt Ricky Diaz. So much for the supporting card, the best is yet to come.

Main event, heavyweights over ten rounds, Chuck Finlay, Toronto, going against Mark (Croatian Cobra) Ecimovich. This alone was worth the price of admission. Ecimovich was allowed to be billed and promoted as the Australian heavyweight champion. Had the Ontario Athletic Commission and the press made any effort to check this "phony," they would have discovered that Tony Mundine is the Australian heavyweight champion, has been since 1972 and defended his title last in December, 1977. It was reported that Ecimovich had some kind of an accident just twenty-four hours before he was due to fight Finlay. He stated that he fell down some stairs in a friend's house, where he was staying. His manager, however, had a different version, stating that his tiger was at a Croation Community Picnic, was walking around and just tripped over. Having injured his hand, back, and neck he was unable to fulfill his engagement with Finlay. Promoter Danny Barnabic had the perfect solution for a replacement. His co-promoter, George Chuvalo, at 270 pounds, would box a five-round exhibition with Finlay that ended up as the main event. During this entire charade, there was not one official word from the Ontario Athletic Commission as to any injuries suffered by Ecimovich and as to whether their Commission doctor had examined him and declared him unfit to fight. Allowing Ecimovich to be promoted as the Australian heavyweight champion was an out and out fraud, and permitting Sylvester Wilder to appear in the semi-final bout makes it very obvious that the members of the Ontario Athletic Commission are not doing the job that they collect salaries for from the Ontario taxpayers. These ludicrous shows, licenced and sanctioned by the Ontario Athletic Commission, only make a mockery of boxing. For $15, $20 and $25 a ticket, it is the fans that take a bad beating.

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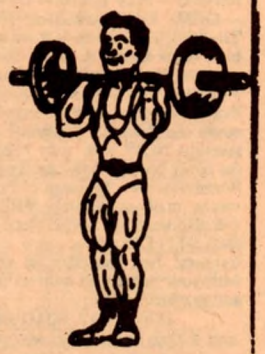

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6. Alex MacNeil (Toronto)

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NOVA SCOTIA

▲ HALIFAX — Forum — Boxing returned to the old Forum on Windsor Street last night. The Forum, the scene of many great fights over the years, had given way to the new Metro Centre for the last few cards. The old pros, Alva Brown and Gussie McLellan, decided to return to the scene of many of their promotions of the past, and a crowd of three thousand turned out to see the card, a very good one up until the main go. In that one, Chris Clarke of Halifax, hoping for a shot at Clyde Gray in the late summer or early fall, took on Benji Goldstone in a ten-rounder. Goldstone, who, a few weeks earlier, had walked out of the ring in Montreal, claiming he couldn't see, should have stayed out of the ring here, as he wasn't on his feet long enough to get the resin on his shoes. It was probably the first time in history, at least in Halifax, that a fighter, if you can class him as such, was knocked out from a blow on the elbow. The Boxing Commission announced later that evening that they were withholding Goldstone's purse for an investigation. Goldstone hails from Albany, New York. Both boys weighed in at 148.

In the opening bout of the evening, Derek Cuttino, 143, New York, won a split decision over Morty Cole, 136, Halifax. Both boys have very little pro experience. In fact, it was only the second pro start for Cole and the first for Cuttino.

Allan Clarke, 142, Halifax, brother of Chris, won a ten-round unanimous decision over Earl Liburd of the Virgin Islands. Liburd weighed in at 152, and, in addition to the ten-pound weight advantage, also had considerable reach on Clarke. Liburd was down twice in the second round from hard lefts thrown by Clarke but weathered that frame and stayed away from Clarke in the next couple to regain his composure. It was a close fight and Clarke had to win the last round to gain the edge.

Roddy MacDonald, formerly of New Waterford, Nova Scotia and now fighting out of Toronto, Ontario, showed the Halifax fans what they have been hearing about him. In a couple of fights last year in Cape Breton, Roddy, after being behind, came on to knock out his opponents: This time wasn't any different. Facing Mustha Bayeh of New York in a light heavyweight eight-rounder, MacDonald lost the first round very convincingly and was on his way to losing the second. Bayeh, much taller and with a longer reach, had MacDonald's head bobbing like a baloon in the breeze for all of the first round and through the second when, out of the blue, Bayeh was hit with a solid left flush on the chin and was counted out at 2:59 of the round. It was several minutes before Bayeh's seconds could revive him. It was one of the hardest punches thrown in a Halifax ring and would compare with the Bernardo Mercado punch that took out Trevor Berbick earlier in the year. MacDonald weighed in at 174 while Bayeh weighed 175.

GERRY SPEARS

BRITISH COLUMBIA

▲ NEW WESTMINSTER — A challenge boxing tournament was staged before a crowd of 1,400. George Chuvalo acted as referee for some of the bouts.

Korky Kaulius, North Vancouver, stopped Brent Racette, Nanaimo, in the third to win the $1,000 prize in the heavyweight division. Each boxer had scored two one-round kayoes earlier in the evening.

Joe Wade, Bellingham, outpointed Robert Paul, Surrey, to win the light heavyweight title.

Frankie Scott, New Westminster, took the middleweight crown with a decision over Louie Torrao, Vancouver.

JIM JOHNSTON

MEXICO

▲ SAN LUIS POTOSI — Juan Alvarez, 117, scored a big upset when he beat Alfonso Zamora, 118, by disqualification in five rounds. Salvador Sanchez, 125, stopped Rosalio Muro, 126, in three. Rodolfo "Gato" Gonzalez, 135, TKO'd Jose Luis Escalante, 135, in four. Carlos "Calaca" Segura, 118, TKO'd Rafael "Tanquecito" Gonzalez, 119, in three. Oscar Gomez, 112, decisioned Joel "Chato" Segura, 112, ten.

▲ MERIDA, YUCATAN — Guty Espadas, 114, TKO'd Jose Luis Cruz, 114, in six. Lupe Madera, 112, TKO'd Cecilio Ostos, 112, in five. Marco Antonio "Panaderito" Ricalde, 122, whipped Ausencio "Torito" Melendez, 122, ten. Antonio "Chino" Benitez, 114, TKO'd Jose Gallardo, 113, in three. Jorge Pech, 111, outscored Jose Esteban "Momia" Quijano, 108, eight.

▲ CIUDAD CONSTITUCION, BAJA CALIFORNIA — Manuel "Meno" Lara, 120, defeated former WBC bantamweight champion Rodolfo Martinez, 121, ten.

▲ MEXICO CITY — Juan "Dinamita" Hernandez, 133, and Angel Mata, 135, had their bout declared a technical draw in the first round. Jose Luis Lara, 134, outpointed Memo Miranda, 135, ten. Fidel Martinez, 112, outscored Memo Vallejo, 111, eight. Hugo Partida, 111, TKO'd Hipolito Hernandez, 111, in two.

▲ FRESNILIO, ZACATECAS — Agustin Toral, 146, stopped Gerardo Galindo, 147, in two.

▲ GUADALAJARA, JALISCO — Roberto "Lobita" Ramirez, 112, TKO'd Ruben "Gato" Mancilla, 112, in six.

▲ HERMOSILLO, SONORA — Norberto Cabrera, 118, TKO'd Hector Medina, 118, in eleven to win the Mexican bantamweight title.

▲ MATAMOROS, TAMAULIPAS — Cecilio Ostos, 112, iced Jaime Perez, 112, in one to win the flyweight championship of Tamaulipas State.

▲ CULIACAN, SINALOA — Chuyin Lopez, 117, halted Rosendo "Rocky" Alonso, 115, in four.

▲ MEXICO CITY — Gabriel Bernal, 113, TKO'd Jose Sosa, 113, in nine. Artemio Ramirez, 117, TKO'd Marcos Villasana, 117, in seven. Roberto Castillo, 125, TKO'd Roberto Chavez, 125, in two. Pedro Molina, 132, TKO'd Bernardo Irineo, 133, in one. Mauricio Aceves, 134, TKO'd Mario Castelan, 133, in four.

▲ MEXICO CITY — Luis "Puma" Fuente, 134, stopped Sergio Cabrera, 135, in seven. Lalo Torres, 117, TKO'd Fili Gonzalez, 118, in four.

▲ ISLA MUJERES, QUINTANA ROO — Former Mexican bantamweight champion Magallo Lozada, 125, and Jose Guillermo "Torero" Bracamonte, 127, drew, ten rounds. Jose "Pepino" Escalante, 117, won by a disqualification over Miguel Santamaria, 118, in five. Carlos "Tigre" Espinosa, 107, beat Pastor Salas, 106, six.

▲ TAPACHULA, CHIAPAS — Gregorio Kawaya Isti, 108, flattened Efren Calderon, 108, in six. Alfonso Rivera, 112, TKO'd Juanito Garcia, 111, in two. Jose Calderon, 133, TKO'd Ismael Gomez, 134, in two.

▲ GUADALAJARA, JALISCO — Alfonso "Buho" Rodriguez, 121, outpointed Pedro Martinez, 120, ten.

▲ MEXICO CITY — Hector Cortes, 133, outscored Manuel Luna, 112, ten. Nacho Rivera, 125, lost to Pablo Martinez, 124, ten. Rodolfo Ortega, 111, TKO'd Ramon Villavicencio, 111, in four. Roberto Martinez, 113, decisioned Javier Esquivel, 115, six. Jorge Medina, 119, TKO'd Jose Felix, 118, in three.

▲ MONTERREY, NUEVO LEON — Adan Chavarria, 146, destroyed Manuel "Loco" Torres, 147, in two. Alberto Lopez, 135, TKO'd Jose Mireles, 134, in five. Roberto Mares, 125, TKO'd Felipe Hernandez, 126, in one. Sergio Hernandez, 132, halted Roberto de la Rosa, 132, in two.

▲ GUADALAJARA, JALISCO — Juan Graciano, 135, kayoed Daniel Felizardo, 133, in four.

▲ PACHUCA, HIDALGO — Florencio Palomeque, 134, polished off Porfirio Urrutia, 135, in eight. Gonzalo Lovera, 126, TKO'd Alberto "Casanovita" Mendez, 125, in seven.

▲ NUEVO LAREDO, TAMAULIPAS — Jose Luis Gonzalez, 184, outpointed Benny Aguilar, 191, ten.

▲ CIUDAD OBREGON, SONORA — Jose Luis Ramirez, 135, outscored Antonio Nava, 134, ten.

▲ MEXICO CITY — Brigido Martinez, 125, outpointed Salvador "Negro" Torres, 126, ten. Fidencio Gonzalez, 126, outscored Juan Garcia, 125, ten. Reyes Gonzalez, 135, beat Nacho Saucedo, 135, eight.

▲ MEXICO CITY — Jose "Shibata" Ruiz, 115, halted Jorge Vera, 115, in six. Aureliano "Pulga" Sanchez, 112, halted Paco Gonzalez, 112, in eight. Sergio Sanchez, 144, TKO'd Enrique Vasquez, 145, in one. Federico Nunez, 124, stopped Al Romero, 124, in three.

▲ GUADALAJARA, JALISCO — Rosendo "Rocky" Alonso, 114, beat Rodolfo Martinez, 112 (not the former WBC bantamweight champion), ten. Gilberto Arellano, 117, outscored Pancho Ortiz, 117, ten.

▲ GOMEZ PALACIO, DURANGO — Vicente Mijares, 135, outpointed Leonardo "Chino" Bermudez, ten. Alfredo "Cachorro" Hernandez, 112, defeated Rocky Mijares, 112, ten.

▲ ACAPULCO, GUERRERO — Gabino Davila, 124, outscored Jose Luis Luna, 123, ten. Juan "Tanquecito" Cuevas and Felipe Farias, 112, drew, ten. Espiritu Medel, 134, kayoed Hilario "Famoso" Hernandez, 133, in six.

▲ MEXICO CITY — German Torres, 108, decisioned Candido Tellez, 106, ten. Jorge de Jesus Ortega, 112, flattened Antonio de la Paz, 111, in seven. Armando "Palitos" Perez, 112, outscored Jose Luis Valencia, 112, ten. Nicolas Herrera, 125, TKO'd Jesus Hernandez, 125, in one. Pedro Vazquez, 134,

TKO'd Victor Montero, 133, in two.

▲ **MEXICO CITY** — Miguel "Raton" Gonzalez, 109, won by disqualification over Pedro Moreno, 109, in four. Pablo Ramirez, 124, TKO'd Cenobio Nicolas, 125, in three. Ramiro Garcia, 117, kayoed Salvador Estrada, 118, in seven. Pedro Mejia, 123, and Jose Angel Rosales, 122, drew, six. Nico Herrera, 121, halted Javier Moreno, 120, in two.

▲ **ACAPULCO, GUERRERO** — Jose Gabriel Tzab, 112, nailed Arturo Uruzquieta, 112, in the third. Fermin Uruzquieta, 124, iced Surianito Galindo, 125, in one. Mario Cruz, 117, kayoed Pablo Perez, 125, in three.

▲ **GUADALAJARA, JALISCO** — "Kiko" Bejinez, 118, won a technical decision over Francisco Javier Nunez, 118, in two and won the bantamweight title of Jalisco State.

▲ **LOS MOCHIS, SINALOA** — Manuel "Meno" Lara, 125, decisioned Babe San Martin, 125, ten. Ernesto Escalante, 151, defeated Mario "Seco" Luna, 153, ten.

▲ **CULIACAN, SINALOA** — Chuyin Lopez, 117, stopped Fabian Palma, 118, in seven.

▲ **MEXICO CITY** — Jorge Ramirez, 119, outpointed Jose "Mixe" Bautista, 118, ten. Jorge Manuel Vera, 111, whipped Rafael Morales, 112, ten. Chano Molina, 125, and Miguel Valderrama, 124, drew, eight. Carlos Morales, 123, kayoed Juan "Toluco" Hernandez, 122, in four. Daniel Gonzalez, 113, defeated Agustin Granados, 114, four.

EDUARDO AMER G.

PUERTO RICO

▲ SAN JUAN — Roberto Clemente Stadium — It was New Yorker night at the stadium as two of New York's favorites scored superlative victories over their most worthy rivals in a card that featured five ten-rounders.

The big upset of the evening was scored by Ruby Ortiz when he came through with a brilliant ten-round decision over the favored Manuel "Yuca" Jimenez. Ortiz, who had recently scored an upset victory over the previously unbeaten Venezuelan, Hugo Rengifo, outpunched and outsmarted his ever aggressive compatriot. Jimenez started out well as he maintained the momentum of the fight with his two-fisted and continuous attacks against his equally willing rival.

It was felt that Ortiz would fade with the incessant and effective offensive barrage of Jimenez. But, as the bout progressed, the man that appeared to be losing some of his vim and vigor turned out to be the previously tireless Jimenez.

It was hard fought all the way, and the margin of victory, although decisive, was nevertheless one in which most of the rounds that were won by Ortiz were by close margins. This lead to the belief that local favorite Jimenez might get the advantage of a hometown decision, but credits must be given to the unbiased officiating of two of the judges who voted in favor of Ortiz while a third scored the fight a draw with a 97-97 score card.

The bout was marred by what appeared to be an unintentional butt by Jimenez in one of the closing rounds, but, despite his handicapped eye, Ortiz was able to put up his best rallies in these last heats. The tempo of the fight was always fast as the boys threw caution to the wind and with very little science in mind, slugged it out in close quarters combat. Jimenez may have lost the bout by not concentrating his attack at long range, where he appeared to be at an advantage because of his greater reach.

Another of New York's favorite sons, Edwin Viruet, scored a unanimous ten-round verdict over the very capable Jimmy Brackett. Viruet fought a faultless, fast-moving fight. His lunging jab was effective at all times. Brackett, who fought a close one against Esteban De Jesus here in San Juan, could not cope with his opponent's speed and reach. He did connect well at times with his right hand, but seemed to lack the power to make too much of a dent on his self assured opponent, who at times fought with his hands dangling at his sides.

Viruet, who is gunning for a title match against either the WBA champion, Ernesto Espana, or the WBC top man, Jim Watt, challenged Espana, who was at ringside. "I think I deserve a chance at the crown. Who else can lay claim to lasting the limit twice with Roberto Duran?"

In a ten-round bout listed as a cruiserweight division match, flashy localite Sugar de Leon had an easy time with Miamian rival Willie MacKintyre. Willie was no match for Sugar and, after he was deposited to the canvas three times, the referee called a halt. The newly created cruiserweight division should be ideal for the rapidly growing De Leon, who in now scaling slightly over the 175-pound limit but is not big enough to go in against the bigger boys of the heavyweight division.

Featherweight Rafael Solis scored a ninth round TKO victory over Felix Figueroa. Felix could not cope with his southpaw opponent's sharp jabs and substantial reach and was an easy mark. He failed to come out for the ninth round after being totally outclassed in the eighth heat.

In the initial ten of the evening, Fernando Rivera outpointed Dominican feather Tony Arias. Arias used about every trick in the game in his effort to win by any means and was continually booed by the fans.

MARIO RIVERA MARTINO

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

▲ PETIT VALLEY — Sparrow's Hideaway — Eddie Marcelle, 150, welterweight champion of Trinidad and Tobago, won a unanimous ten-round decision over Mark Harris, 146, Guyana, in one of the worst run promotions in local history. There was no microphone, nothing to indicate the number of each round, and no proper introductions.

Marcelle dropped Harris with a short right to the jaw in the third round, Mark taking the mandatory eight-count. Harris went down again in the seventh, but the referee ruled it a slip. The scoring was as follows: judge Juan Reece, 50-44; judge Ken Laughlin, 50-42; referee Melchoir Taylor, 49-42.

Three scheduled eight-rounders: Michael Parsons, 143¼, Trinidad and Tobago, won a unanimous decision over James Bernard, 150½, Guyana; Michael Reid, 132, Guyana, kayoed Cleophus James, 131, Trinidad and Tobago, in 2:05 of the first round; Brian Muller, 146½, Guyana, a southpaw, kayoed Michael Baptiste, 143½, Trinidad and Tobago, in 2:50 of the fifth.

GEORGE C. BECKLES

SOUTH AMERICA

ARGENTINA

▲ **BUENOS AIRES — Luna Park** — Welterweight prospect Eduardo Jorge "Tito" Yanni TKO'd former Argentine junior welter champion Carlos M. Giminez, 10. Yanni, the 24-year-old son of a brilliant boxer of the fifties, gave Giminez a terrific beating, and Carlos announced his retirement from boxing in the dressing room after the contest. Junior welters: Santiago Portillo kayoed Ruben Wilberger, 6. Lightweights: Juan Carlos Arruza kayoed Roberto Maciel, 6. Lights: Carlos Villanueva kayoed Luis Garay, 2.

▲ **BUENOS AIRES — Luna Park** —Former Argentine welterweight champion Simon Escobar and Horacio Agustin Saldano fought to a draw, 10. Saldano was in trouble in the third.

▲ **BUENOS AIRES — Luna Park** — Argentine and South American flyweight champion Ramon Balbino Soria outpointed Argentine junior flyweight champion Rodolfo Gregorio Rodriguez, 12. Soria thus retained his national title.

▲ **TUCUMAN — Club Defensores de Villa Lujan** — Flyweights: Ramon Rodriguez outscored Jose Flores, 10. Light heavyweights: Mario Campos kayoed Juan Jose Leiva, 7.

▲ **PRESIDENTE ROQUE SANEZ PENA** — Heavyweights: Raul Zalazar kayoed Alberto Mintetti, 7.

▲ **MAR DEL PLATA — Kimberley Stadium** — Lightweights: Local prospect Ruben Oliveto outscored Norberto Oliveto, 10.

▲ **ROSARIO — Club Sportivo America** — Two scheduled ten-rounders. Lightweights: Jose Ignacio Funes outscored Gabriel Sanchez. Junior welterweights: Juan Domingo Saucedo kayoed Oscar Alvarez, 4.

▲ **RESISTENCIA** — Lightweights: Luis Jorge outpointed Juan Carlos Sanchez, 10.

▲ **CONCORDIA, ENTRE RIOS** — Junior welterweights: Rodolfo Rojas outpointed Eduardo Mino.

▲ **CAMILO ALDAO** — Flyweights: Domingo Aragon outpointed Luis E. Gomez, 10.

▲ **SAN LUIS** — Middleweights: Localite Jose Antonio Vega outscored veteran Alberto Almiron, 10.

▲ **CORDOBA — Chateau Carreas Stadium** — Julian Solis, Puerto Rico, kayoed Argentine and South American bantamweight champion Julio Cesar Saba, 8. Saba had a lot of trouble making the stipulated weight. Flyweights: Adrian Roman outpointed Jose Ibiris, 10. Junior lightweights: Daniel Murua and Pedro Burqui drew, 10. Welterweights: Jose Antonio Diaz outpointed Omar Gonzalez, 10.

▲ **GENERAL PICO, LA PAMPA** — Bantamweights: Americo Marino Suarez, who is managed by former Argentine welterweight champion Miguel Angel Campanino, outpointed Ruben Condori, 10.

▲ **BENITO JUAREZ** — Junior middleweights: Osmar Ochoa and Juan J. Perez drew, 10.

▲ **CATRILO, LA PAMPA** — Lightweights: Justino Heredia kayoed Hugo Reta, 2.

▲ **BAHIA BLANCA — Norberto Tomas Stadium** — Two scheduled ten-rounders. Welterweights: Miguel Garcia kayoed Ramon Quintana, 4. Featherweights: Jorge Gonzalez kayoed Miguel Chuviler, 3.

▲ **CONCEPCION** — Middleweights: Luis Alberto Peralta kayoed Catalino Sosa, 2.

▲ **TUCUMAN — Club Defensores de Villa Lujan** — Two scheduled ten-round bouts. Ruben Zamaro, born in Mexico but now an Argentine citizen, and former Argentine junior heavyweight champion Juan Carlos Sosa drew. Featherweights: Luis Alvarez kayoed Ricardo Poncini, 2.

▲ **ROSARIO** — Featherweights: Ruben Granado, a young local prospect, outpointed Diego Vega Ramirez, 10.

▲ **VILLA MARIA, CORDOBA** — Lightweights: Raul Gomez outpointed Ramon Araujo, 10.

▲ **VILLA ANGELA, CHACO** — Featherweights: Domingo Casco outscored Julio Alegre, 10.

▲ **MENDOZA — Pascual Perez Stadium** — Junior welterweights: Roberto Alfaro outpointed Abraham Valenzuela, 10.

▲ **MAR DEL PLATA — Kimberley Stadium** — Junior welters: Ubaldo "Uby" Sacco, son of former middleweight contender Ubaldo Sacco, outscored Cirilo Ruiz, 10.

▲ **RIO III, CORDOBA** — Junior lightweights: Alberto Castello outscored Santiago Lopez.

▲ **CONCORDIA** — Welterweights: Oscar Vallejo outpointed Lorenzo Fernandez, 10.

▲ **GUALEGUAYCHU, ENTRE RIOS** — Jose Uziga won a ten-round decision over Uruguay's national bantamweight champion, Gilberto Lopez.

▲ **CORDOBA** — Raul "Pato" Aguero won the local lightweight title with a twelve-round points victory over Miguel Fi-

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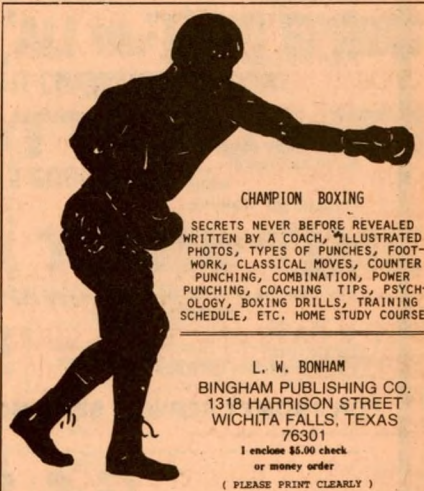

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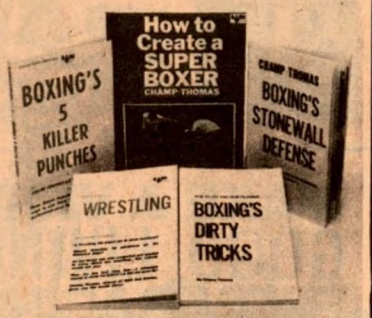

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▲ **BARILOCHE** — Former Argentine junior welterweight champion Hector "Ye Ye" Hernandez outpointed Juan "Pamperito" Olivera, 10.

▲ **CHACABUCO** — Light heavyweights: Angel Salinas outscored Jesus Ibanez, 8.

▲ **SAN FRANCISCO, CORDOBA** — Juan Domingo Roldan kayoed Hugo Obregon, 10, for the local middleweight championship. Roldan is still undefeated.

▲ **SANTA FE** — Three big fights were held on the same card. Junior welters: Juan Antonio Merlo kayoed Ramon Ramirez, 5. Welterweights: Pablo Gonzalez outpointed Oscar San Juan, 6. Junior middles: Pedro Flores knocked out Luis Garcilazo, 3.

▲ **ATTA GRACIA** — Carlos Cortez outpointed Juan Espindola, 12, to win the vacant local bantamweight title.

▲ **VILLA REGINA** — Junior lightweights: Luis Valdez outpointed Carlos Totaro, 10.

▲ **BARADERO** — Welterweights: Miguel Angel Fernandez outpointed Hector Caceres.

▲ **BAHIA BLANCA** — Argentine lightweight champion Oscar Jorge "Cachin" Mendez won a 10-round non-title decision over Brazilian lightweight champion Juan Carlos de los Santos. Juan Segundo Garcia outscored Walter Correa, 8.

▲ **SAN JUAN — Parque de Mayo Stadium** — Junior welterweights: Juan de Dios Acosta kayoed Carlos Morran, 1. Geronimo Luquez TKO'd Juan Reyes, 6.

▲ **TANDIL** — Featherweights: Local attraction Cesar Villarrual knocked out Hugo Fernandez, 2.

▲ **LA RIOJA** — Bantamweights: Jose Narvaez outpointed Esteban Bustos, 10.

▲ **CORDOBA — Redes Cordobesas Stadium** — Argentine and South American super bantamweight champion Sergio Victor Palma outpointed Raul "Nico" Perez, 10.

▲ **MAR DEL PLATA** — Argentine junior heavyweight champion Miguel Angel Paez and Roberto Aguilar, tech draw, 6, non-title.

▲ **LA PLATA — Atenas Stadium** — Junior flyweights: Hector Patri outscored Luis E. Gomez, 10.

▲ **MENDOZA** — Light heavyweights: Carlos Pouyannes, a strong puncher, kayoed Juan A. Ibanez, 8. Middleweights: Carlos Troncoso and Aldo Carmona drew, 10.

▲ **RIO IV, CORDOBA** — Featherweights: Mario Vizcaya outpointed Carlos Martinetti, 10.

▲ **ROSARIO — Sportivo America Stadium** — Junior welterweights: Norberto Oliveto outscored Juan D. Saucedo, 10. Welters: Antonio Juarez and Miguel Combis drew, 10.

▲ **VENADO TUERTO** — Junior middleweights: Ramon Peralta outpointed Luis Sosa, 10.

▲ **SANTA ROSA, LA PAMPA** — Junior middles: Walter Gomez won on a foul from Manuel Francisco Gonzalez, 6.

▲ **TRELEW, CHUBUT** — Argentine and South American junior lightweight champion Victor Federico Echegaray won a five-round technical decision over Emilcio Ortiz, Paraguay. Echegaray wants another chance with Alexis Arguello. .

▲ **SAN SALVADOR DE JUJUY** — Lightweights: Jesus Romero outpointed Juan Carlos Alvarez, 10.

▲ **RIO II, CORDOBA** — Lightweights: Raul Fernandez outscored Julio Duarte, 10.

▲ **POSADAS** — Junior middles: Omar Zarza outpointed Delfin Olivera, 10.

▲ **TUCUMAN** — Junior welters: Martin Leiva and Julio Melone drew, 10.

▲ **SALTA — Club Stadium** — Junior lightweights: Rolando Lahoz outpointed former Argentine flyweight champion Juan Jose Brizuela, 10.

▲ **BARADERO** — Junior lightweights: Pedro Armando Gutierrez outscored Demetrio Ibarra, 10.

▲ **ZARATE** — Junior welterweights: Manuel Bustos won on a foul over Hugo Diaz, 7.

▲ **CORDOBA — Redes Cordobesas Club** — Flyweights: Santos Laciar outpointed Juan Espindola, 10.

▲ **ROSARIO** — Flyweights: Domingo Aragon outpointed Jose Izquierdo, 10. Junior welters: Alberto Gonzalez outscored Ruben Mendoza, 8. Lightweights: Ramon Cereal outpointed Diego Rojas, 6.

▲ **TIGRE** — Junior middleweights: Jorge Medina kayoed Juan Carlos Valdez, 3.

▲ **RIO IV, CORDOBA** — Lightweights: Jorge Gomenez outpointed Ramon Araujo, 10.

CARLOS IRUSTA

COLOMBIA

▲ **BARRANQUILLA** — Bantamweights: Mario "El Nia" Miranda, Barranquilla, kayoed Jose Jimenez, Cartagena, three. Junior welterweights: Martin Rojas, Jr., Barranquilla, knocked out Rafael Ramirez, Cartagena, two. Featherweights: Manuel Julio, Barranquilla, TKO'd Jaime "Toti" Ramirez, Cartagena, three. Junior middleweights: Reinaldo Chico, Colombia, and Jose Batista, Dominican Republic, drew, ten. Middleweights: Emiliano Villa, Colombia, outscored Mario Ramos, Dominican Republic, ten.

▲ **MAICO** — Lightweights: Clemente Rojas outpointed Alvaro Miraon, ten.

▲ **CARTAGENA** — Clemente Rojas, Colombia, won the "lightweight championship of the Americas" by knocking out defending champ Alfonso Perez, also of Colombia, in the seventh of a scheduled twelve-rounder. Perez was down three times. Middleweights: Carlos Mejia, Colombia, outpointed Mario Ramos, Dominican Republic, ten. The decision was not popular. Bantamweights: Julio Llerena outscored Delimiro Cassinia, eight. Junior flyweights: Wilfredo Ruiz made his pro debut by knocking out Urbano Saltarin in 2:05 of the second round.

▲ **MONTERIA** — Junior lightweights: Rumualdo Garces outscored Aurelio Mena, ten. Tony Nisperuza TKO'd John Jaramillo, two. Junior featherweights: Felipe Julio TKO'd Benicio Teran, three. Lightweights: Amancio Castro kayoed Amalio Salgado, four. Junior flyweights: Miguel Lora outscored Wilfredo Ruiz, four.

▲ **BARRANQUILLA — Huberto Pera Coliseum** — Armando "Policeman" Perez TKO'd Jacineto Herrez in the seventh to win the Colombian featherweight title. Unbeaten Mario "El Nia" Miranda decisioned Jose Salazar, Cartagena, six. Eduardo Valdez kayoed Pedro Galvis, two. Martin Rojas outscored Luis Sandon, eight. Juan Mayoral kayoed Jose Urriola, four.

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won a unanimous ten- round decision over Pedro Acosta, 140, Colombia.

Blackmoore won convincingly, but the first three rounds did not see him look good. Acosta's jab-and-hold style may have been the reason.

Lennox got his combinations going in the later rounds, and had Acosta hanging on the ropes in the sixth and ninth. The official scoring was as follows: referee Cecil Henry, 100-79; judge B. Adams, 100-89; judge Frank Fernandez, 100-93.

Michael Reid, 134, won a unanimous ten-round decision over Compton Canzius, 136. Kid Carrington, 136, won unanimous decision over Keith Adams, 137. Derek Vandenbury, 153, outscored Terrence Clarke, 155, six.

▲GEORGETOWN — National Sports Hall — Kenny Bristol, Guyana, won the vacant Commonwealth junior middleweight title with a unanimous fifteen-round decision over Pat Thomas, Cardiff, Wales.

Bristol fought his usual fight. Thomas pursued him for the first ten rounds, with Kenny holding frequently. Bristol, however, was slightly ahead on my scorecard going into the eleventh.

The tempo picked up then, as Thomas, always the aggressor, tried everything he knew, including tugging and pushing. The referee cautioned both fighters — Bristol for holding and Thomas for tugging. Such was the pattern of the bout.

The official scoring was as follows: referee Taylor, 149-140; judge Luis Barradas, 149-142; judge Ken Laughlin, 149-140. I had it 149-142, Bristol. From what I saw, referee Taylor, from Trinidad and Tobago, allowed too much grabbing, holding, and butting.

In a supporting ten, veteran Kid Carrington, 134½, drew with Compton Canzius, 138½. In four-round bouts, Dennis Dalrymple, 132¼, won a unanimous decision over Ewart Hutson, 135¾, and Mark Miller, 135, won a split nod over Keith Norville, 134.

Seven thousand people were on hand, the largest crowd ever to attend a boxing show in Guyana's history.

LLOYD W. BLACKMOORE

BRITISH ISLES

London, England—A meeting of the Commonwealth Championships Committee took place at the offices of the British Boxing Board of Control, and the major surprise was the announcement of the retirement from the ring of Commonwealth flyweight champion Patrick Mambwe of Zambia.

It will be remembered that, some time ago, Mambwe came to Britain to defend his title against Charlie Magri, but failed to pass the eyesight test by the Board's Chief Medical Officer and returned home without boxing.

The matter was then referred to the Zambian Board, with the result that Mambwe underwent operations for cataracts on both eyes. The operations were successful, but Mambwe was later advised by specialists not to continue his boxing career.

The Zambian Board wrote to the Commonwelath Committee accordingly.

The title thus becomes vacant, and a contest between any two from among the following: Charlie Magri (England), Steve Bell (Australia), and Ray Amoo (Nigeria), will be recognized as for the title.

▲DERRY — Templemore Sports Complex — Fighting in his hometown, Charlie Nash, 133½, comfortably outpointed Frenchman Andre Holyk, 134¾, over twelve rounds to annex the European lightweight title left vacant by WBC champion Jim Watt of Scotland.

Referee Knud Jensen of Denmark and judge Mar Schulein of Holland both scored it 119-112, with judge Gaston Frantz of Luxemburg casting it 119-116, all for Nash.

Nash, a southpaw, didn't put a foot in the wrong place. He jabbed and moved sweetly, with Holyk making it easier for him by coming forward persistently. The Frenchman looked to win only two rounds, and was completely outboxed. The latter's best moments came in the tenth, when Nash was caught with a right hand to the chin just before the end of the session, and in the following round, when Holyk followed up his advantage and pounded away with both hands.

The final round was all Nash. He drove his man around the ring, landing freely with both hands. At one stage, Holyk shook his head in bewilderment as he failed to stem the tide.

Before the fight got under way, Board of Control Chief Inspector Harry Vines ordered the Frenchman's mentors to remove liniment from Holyk's body and also examined the "medicine box" they had in the corner.

Then there was a quarter of an hour's wait because the boxers had entered the ring before the Irish radio broadcast was due to start. Once the action started, however, Nash made it quite clear that he was in command, and the estimated crowd of 1,400 (much smaller than anticipated) gave him the vocal support which must have acted as encouragement. Not that he needed much of that.

The plan is now for Charlie to get a match with WBC champ Watt. As European title holder, the former has added status, but it will be up to the World Boxing Council to decide if and when they consider Nash a leading contender for Watt's crown.

A Watt-Nash contest is a "natural" for any top British ring, either in London, or in Glasgow, or Derry, the respective hometowns of the boxers.

Nash also has his British title to consider. He is due to defend it against Ray Cattouse, and says he would prefer to defend his two crowns separately.

As I see it, this is not a problem. European title fights must be over twelve rounds, so if Nash defends his British crown over fifteen rounds (the required distance for British title bouts), the European championship could not be at stake.

Only two of the supporting bouts went the full distance, with Mike Cop, Swansea, 161½, outpointing Trevor Kerr, Fivemiletown, 162, over eight by 80-78, and Steve Crocker, Swansea, 138, outscoring Billy Rabbitt, Strabane, 139, by 60-58 over six. Both winners didn't lose a round.

Irish featherweight champion Damien McDermott, Derry, 127½, beat Glyn Davies, Llanelli, 122¾, who retired with a dislocated left hand at the end of round three after being decked for nine.

Nigel Thomas, Swansea, 146½, beat Ray Rose, Ardglass, 139, the bout being stopped, much to Ross' disgust, in the fifth.

▲WOLVERHAMPTON — Civic Hall — Des Gwilliam, Birmingham, 138, outscored Barry Price, Brighton, over eight by 80-76, not losing a round.

Price, however, surprised his opponent with a late rally after being floored in the fifth round. Barry piled on the pressure in the last three sessions, but Gwilliam dealt with these attacks in competent fashion, and retained his comfortable lead.

Roy Varden, Nuneaton, 143, gained a narrow eight-round points win over Dill Collins, Llantwit Major, 144, Scoreline 79-78½.

Collins' body punching was impressive in the early rounds, then Varden came into the fight with an accurate left and following rights.

It was nip and tuck, and Collins obviously thought he deserved at least a draw.

Lloyd Hibbert, Birmingham, 145, outpointed Vic Jackson Hackney, 148½, over eight by 79½-77.

Jackson provided the aggression, and shook his man at times with rights to the head. Hibbert was the more accurate and cleaner puncher, and finished stronger.

Roy Skeldon, Tipton, 176, beat Wally Barnes, Islington, 172, the referee intervening in round four with Barnes on the receiving end after having been down for five from what looked like a slip.

Norman Morton, Newcastle, 136½, defeated Johnny Burns, Birmingham, 139, the bout being stopped in the fourth after Burns had been decked in rounds two and four.

Mickey Baker, Worcester, kayoed Bill Smith, Newcastle, after only twenty-eight seconds. A left to the body did the trick.

▲ABERAVON — Afan Lido — Colin Jones, Gorseinon, 147½, kept his unbeaten record by stopping Frenchman Alain Salon, 147¼, the referee intervening after Salmon had been down three times and there were still fifty-five seconds of the first round to go.

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10. Sharkey Hughes (A)

John Aba (Papua) is the junior lightweight champion. Contenders: Kazeem Armah (N) Mike Drayton (Tr), Glen Howard (A), David Kotey (G), Larry Velesini (A).

Legend: (AN) Antigua; (A) Australia; (B) Bahamas; (C) Canada; (D) Dominica; (E) England; (Fi) Fiji Islands; (G) Ghanda; (Gu) Guyana; (In) India; (I) Ireland; (J) Jamaica; (M) Malta; (N) Nigeria; (NZ) New Zealand; (S) Scotland; (T) Trinidad; (To) Tonga; (U) Uganda; (W) Wales; (Z) Zambia.

190, in three rounds, the bout being stopped after Josephs had been decked with a right hand.

Pearce has now won all of his eight fights, five of them by kayo.

Moroccan Najib Daho, based in Manchester, and the Central Area lightweight champion, 136, outpointed Australian-based Barry Michael, born in Watford, 137, over eight by 79½-78.

Daho found it comparatively easy to get through his opponent's guard, and it wasn't until the later stages that Michael came into the fight.

Michael will stay in Britain and live in South Wales.

Nigel Thomas, Swansea, 143, outscored Lee Hartshorn, Manchester, 143½, by 79-78½ over eight. A close verdict, and one with which not everyone agreed.

By present day standards, the teenage Thomas has had a busy year. It was his eighth contest, and he is a crowd-pleasing performer. But Hartshorn counterpunched to good effect and got home with two hard right hands to the head in round six.

Vernon Penprase, 128, Plymouth, now living in Merthyr, outscored Paul Keer, West Hartlepool, 127½, over eight by 79-78.

Keer, a teenager, gave his opponent a shake in the opening round by putting him on the canvas momentarily, but Penprase turned the tables in round six, when Paul was down briefly.

Penprase's experience told in the end.

▲LONDON — World Sporting Club — Tony Martey, Ghana, 144, beat Frank McCord, Swansea, 143, the bout being stopped in the fourth after McCord had been down twice.

McCord had also been down in the third, but he was up without a count.

Eric Ragonisi Shrewsbury, 132, was decked for nine in round one, then for eight. But he got back in the fight to stop Steve Simms, Newport, 133, in round five. The latter had not been down, but the referee intervened when he was under pressure.

Mike Copp, Swansea, 158, outpointed Richard Kenyon, Halifax, 157, over eight by 79-77½. Copp took an early lead, but Kenyon improved as the bout progressed.

Terry Matthews, Swansea, 159, outscored Owen Slue, Herne Hill, 160, over six by 59½-58.

Tony Britton, Lewisham, 153, was thought by some to be lucky to win a six-rounds points verdict over Ron Pearce, Newport. Scoreline 59-58½. A good bout to watch.

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CONTINENTAL EUROPE

Berlin — When Mate Parlov, Yugoslavia, lost his WBC light heavyweight crown to Marvin Johnson in December of last year, few thought he would ever put on the gloves again. He lost the bout on the scales for he had difficulty in making the limit in comfort. Parlov is a well educated Yugoslav, and speaks half a dozen languages. He is married to Laura, a school teacher and they have a two-year-old daughter. Parlov returned to Munich recently, the city in which he won an Olympic Gold Medal in 1972. The Yugoslav was in Munich to face Vandemar Paulino in what was considered an official eliminator for the new 190-pound crown. (Marvin Johnson, Jesse Burnett, and Marvin Camel were to be matched in other eliminators to find the rightful champion.) Paulino's visa was delayed, however, and he was unable to make the journey to Munich. American

INSIDE BOXING

By "Sailor" DON SAUER

Over the years, Philadelphia has supplied a lot of great boxing people. There have also been some great fighters out of Philadelphia. One of the truly great ones to come out of Philly is veteran boxing manager, Joe Gramby. Gramby has managed some tremendous talent over his more than 40 years in boxing. Some of the "names" Joe has guided are former world lightweight champion Bob Montgomery, top ranked Richie Kates, who challenged unsuccessfully for the light-heavyweight bauble, Tommy Cross, Johnny Hutchinson, Dick Turner and more recently, heavyweight Randy "Tex" Cobb. These are just a few of the "names" Gramby has managed or co-managed. There are many, many more—too numerous to mention. His latest heavyweight "find" is young George Chaplin, a 25-year-old heavyweight from Baltimore, Maryland who just stopped Duane Bobick. Chaplin stands 6'1" and tips the scales at 209. George is the present owner of the Maryland State heavyweight title, for what that is worth, but is shooting for much bigger goals indeed. A graduate of Morgan State, Chaplin is a former Maryland A.A.U. heavyweight king. He turned pro in 1976, after having defeated Russian heavyweights in amateur competition in Las Vegas and at Madison Square Garden. Chaplin exemplifies what Joe Gramby stands for—he's bound to be a legitimate challenger for heavyweight honors in the not too distant future . . .

Sorry to hear of the death of Allen Bivins, father of former World War II interim heavyweight champ Jimmy Bivins in Cleveland. He was 86 years old. Bivins has three sisters and his mother, Fleda, still living . . . Jimmy was a great heavyweight and always a gentleman. Our condolences to you, "champ". . .

Lou Brouillard, who held the welterweight and middleweight titles in the thirties, recovering from an operation at the South Shore Hospital in South Weymouth, Mass. Brouillard lives in Halifax, Mass., with his wife, Minnie, the daughter of Joe Beston, now deceased, who operated Beston's Gym in Quincy, Mass., in the thirties for years. Lou has six children—five daughters and a son, and nineteen grandchildren . . . Kenny Klingman, trained by the incomparable veteran trainer, Lou Gross, notching a string of kayoes. His latest victim fell in two rounds at Miami Beach. Kenny now has 15 wins, all via the kayo route. Fine young middleweight prospect indeed . . . Chris Dundee, who is the promoter at the Miami Beach Convention Center, visited the grave of his former champ, Ken Overlin when he attended the WBC convention at Reno, Nevada. Overlin, who held the middleweight title, had a record of 147 fights and just 13 losses, beating such names as Fred Apostoli, Lloyd Marshall, Nate Bolden, Teddy Yarosz, Eric Seelig, Steve Belloise, Ezzard Charles, Al Hostak, and Ceferino Garcia, to name a few, many of whom became great heavyweights after losing to middleweight Ken. Overlin's ring record looks like the "Who's Who in boxing," a remarkable fighter and a great champion. Ken's ex-wife Sylvia who divorced the champ 30 years ago, still corresponds with this writer. She is remarried and operates a beauty shoppe in Washington, D.C. Sylvia told me many times—"Sailor, I still love that guy and I always will—he—not Ali—was the greatest".

Peyton Shen, who at one time managed jr. middleweight Tony Chiaverini, has split with the fighter. Shen will promote shows in Kansas City with Steve Holman and Ivy Brown as "the local boys". Both very talented. Chiaverini will be promoted by Gene Fritz with Don Elbaum as his matchmaker. The Tony Chiaverini bubble burst with his dismal showing against Sugar Ray Leonard on national TV. Chiaverini served as manager, trainer, promoter in his most recent fights—he also arranged for the fans in K.C. to make the trip to Las Vegas for his ill-fated fight with Leonard. In that fight he also took over as referee as well, ordering the fight stopped while seated in his corner. The "mike" in the Chiaverini corner revealed the whole story. . .

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Joe Maye took his place, but, with only a couple of wins in as many years, for Maye, one could hardly call this an eliminator for a world title. Maye stayed with Parlov six rounds, surviving a couple of knockdowns from lefts to the liver area in round four. Yugoslavs in the Rudi Sedlmeyer venue numbered 2,500; only five hundred Germans were present. Many thought the fight was over when Maye went down and hundreds stormed ringside. It looked as if the fight might be stopped until order could be restored, but the Yugoslav announcer, Milan Bossa, finally persuaded his fellow countrymen to take their seats and saved the show. In the sixth, a short right ended the fight and this time there was no stopping the Yugoslavs who stormed the ring and carried Parlov shoulder high.

Mate Parlov has earned some $300,000 from boxing and for this Munich bout he collected another $25,000. Parlov is the only resident Iron Curtain athlete allowed to earn a fortune from professional sports. The only other professional athletes in Yugoslavia are footballers, and none can be considered rich. Fellow countryman Yvan Prebeg won the European light heavyweight crown at Zagreb nine years ago, outscoring Briton Eddie Avoth, and then lost it to Piero del Papa in Milan on February 6, 1970. Mate Parlov won the European crown on July 10, 1976, beating Italian Domenico Adinolfi in Belgrade. He made defenses against Francisco Fiol and Harold Skog in 1977 and then won the WBC title by kayoing Miguel Cuello in Milan. As an amateur, Parlov won the European title in 1971 in Madrid and at Belgrade in 1973, won a Gold Medal at the Munich Olympics, 1972, and became world champion at Havana in 1974. Another Yugoslav, Marijan Benes, won the amateur European welter title in Belgrade in 1973 and now, as a professional, is the junior middleweight champion of Europe. Laszlo Papp from Hungary won the European middleweight crown in the professional ranks in 1962 and Rumanians Lucien Popescu and Aurel Toma also ruled Europe after joining the paid ranks.

Mate Parlov, a six-footer, has an advantage over most of his opponents. His reach is long and he leans backward, making him a difficult target. He paws rather than jabs with his right and this has a worrying effect on his opponents.

In a supporting ten-rounder, German middleweight Georg Steinherr beat American Pablo Rodriguez. In rounds two and three, Rodriguez was decked from liver hooks. A right hook finished the American in the fourth.

The promoter was Anton Stern and it was a pity that no more than three thousand saw fit to pay the price of seats ranging from ten to seventy-five dollars. The privilege of promoting such a fight card made him lose $10,000. What chance has a promoter in this country, when only five hundred of the three thousand crowd were Germans.

Franco Udella (32) Italy, former WBC junior flyweight champion who ruled Europe for five years, losing only six of forty-five fights, has retired.

Roland Hanff, who has done so much for the amateurs in Luxembourg, has now joined the professional ranks and is promoting with veteran manager Nico Boes, who managed Ray Philippe, the only boxer from Luxembourg to fight for a European crown. Philippe lost on points to junior middleweight champion Bruno Visintin, Italy, in 1965. In May, Hanff organized his first professional meeting at Esch before a crowd of 150. Boxers from Luxembourg in the first six months of this year were engaged in twenty-eight bouts winning eleven, drawing two, and losing fifteen.

The Lorenzo Zanon-Alfio Righetti all-Italian European heavyweight title affair ended in a draw allowing Zanon to retain his crown. The two fighters met twice in the amateur ranks and, strangely enough, both fights ended all square.

Thirty-one year-old Elena Mancini became the first woman in Italy to receive a license to judge and referee professional bouts.

Boxing in France, as in other European countries, is quiet at present, with boxers, managers, and promoters all enjoying a summer vacation. September opens the winter season and three French boxers are being tipped to win European titles: Laurent Grimbert, Hocine Tafer, and Charles Jurietti. Grimbert won the French bantamweight title, beating Caudron, and has not looked back since. Tafer, unbeaten in France, is the reigning champion. He is fast for his weight and has a good punch. Jurietti is the junior lightweight champion and is a good all-round boxer without a heavy dig.

European bantamweight champion Juan Rodriguez, Spain, retained the crown he won by beating Franco Zurlo, Italy, in September of last year. He outscored Frenchman Laurent Grimbert over twelve rounds.

EUROPEAN RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion: Lorenzo Zanon (I)
1. Alfio Righetti (I)
2. John L. Gardner (GB)
3. Alfredo Evangelista (S)
4. Al Syben (G)
5. Paul Sykes (GB)
6. Tommy Kiely (GB)
7. Les Stevens (GB)
8. Lucien Rodriguez (F)
9. Felipe Rodriguez (S)
10. Tony Moore (GB)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion: Rudi Koopmans (H)
1. Mate Parlov (Y)
2. John Conteh (GB)
3. Aldo Traversaro (I)
4. Hocine Tafer (F)
5. Avenamar Peralta (S)
6. Ennio Cometti (I)
7. David Conteh (GB)
8. Bunny Johnson (GB)
9. Harold Skog (N)
10. Robert Amory (F)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion: Alan Minter (GB)
1. Gratien Tonna (F)
2. Kevin Finnegan (GB)
3. Tony Sibson (GB)
4. Frankie Lucas (GB)
5. Matteo Salvemini (I)
6. Frank Wissenbach (G)
7. Alfredo Naveiras (S)
8. George Steinherr (G)
9. Alvaro Scarpelli (I)
10. Roy Gumbs (GB)

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion: Marijan Benes (Y)
1. Maurice Hope (GB)
2. Adoni Amana (S)
3. Jimmy Batten (GB)
4. Gianni Molesini (I)
5. Damiano Lassandro (I)
6. Pat Thomas (GB)
7. Luigi Minchillo (I)
8. Jose Hernandez (S)
9. Georges Warusfel (F)
10. Claude Martin (F)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion: Jorgen Hansen (D)
1. Dave Green (GB)
2. Hans Henrik Palm (D)
3. Kirkland Laing (GB)
4. Dum Dum Pacheco (S)
5. Giovanni Molesini (I)
6. Louis Acaries (F)
7. Richard Rodriguez (S)
8. Joey Mack (GB)
9. Alois Carmeliet (B)
10. Henry Rhiney (GB)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion: Jo Kimpuani (F)
1. Fernando Sanchez (S)
2. Jose Luis Heredia (S)
3. Colin Powers (GB)
4. Giuseppe Martinese (I)
5. Clinton McKenzie (GB)
6. Svein Erik Paulsen (N)
7. Des Morrison (GB)
8. Roberto Gambini (F)
9. Sylvester Mittee (GB)
10. Giuseppe Corbo (I)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion: Charlie Nash (GB)
1. Jim Watt (GB)
2. Ray Cattouse (GB)
3. Perico Fernandez (S)
4. Andre Yolyk (F)
5. Giancarlo Usai (I)
6. Manuel Velasquez (S)
7. Paperito Gimmenez (S)
8. Didier Kowalski (F)
9. Angelo Provenzaro (I)
10. Antonio Guinaldo (S)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion: Rodolfo Sanchez (S)
1. Carlos Hernandez (S)
2. Natale Vezzoli (I)
3. Charles Jurietti (F)
4. Maurice Apeang (F)
5. Isidor Cabeza (S)
6. Ramon Marichal (S)
7. Artistide Pizzo (I)
8. Salvatore Liscapade (I)
9. Nino Jimenez (S)
10. Cosimo Lavino (I)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion: Roberto Castanon (S)
1. Cecilio Lastra (S)
2. Dave Needham (GB)
3. Manuel Masso (S)
4. Pat Cowdell (GB)
5. Jimmy Flint (GB)
6. Natale Garedda (I)
7. Salvatore Melluzzo (F)
8. Les Pickett (GB)
9. Nani Rodriguez (S)
10. Gerard Jacob (F)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion: Juan Francisco Rodriguez (S)
1. Johnny Owen (GB)
2. Franco Zurlo (I)
3. Estaban Eguia (S)
4. Laurent Grimbert (F)
5. Vincente Rodriguez (S)
6. Guiseppe Fossati (I)
7. Dave Smith (GB)
8. John Feeney (GB)
9. Luigi Tessarin (I)
10. Valero Nati (I)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion: Charlie Magri (GB)
1. Giovanni Camputaro (I)
2. Manuel Carrasco (S)
3. Emilio Pireddu (I)
4. Mariano Garcia (S)
5. Franco Buglione (I)
6. Sabatino DeFilippo (I)
7. Rodriguez Cal (S)
8. Claude Tanda (I)
9. Filippo Belvedere (I)
10. Jaime Lozano (S)

Legend: (B) Belgium; (D) Denmark; (F) Finland; (G) Germany; (GB) Great Britain; (H) Holland; (I) Italy; (L) Luxembourg; (N) Norway; (S) Spain; (Sd) Switzerland; (Sw) Sweden; (Y) Yugoslavia.

AFRICA

GHANA

▲ ACCRA — African lightweight champion Bossou Azizan, Togo, successfully defended his crown with a twelfth round TKO over Ghana's Freddie Mensah, the "Osaka Bomber." Aziza, the unsmiling "Slayer" who has only been defeated once, had predicted victory the day before when he said, in his broken English: "Me champion. I win the fight, knockout, tomorrow. O.K." He did it.

Mensah, backed by the home crowd, came out fast in the first round, knocked Aziza down in the second, and again in the eighth. Then the tide turned and the champ took over, Mensah having slowed due to a lack of stamina. At the end of the eleventh, Freddie couldn't find his corner, and in the twelfth he ran into a wicked right that made him kiss the canvas. He was up at three, and Nigerian referee Howard Jones signaled for the fighters to continue, but Mensah shook his head and raised his left arm in surrender.

Flyweight Ibrahim Mohamed, Ghana, outscored countryman Peter Asandoh, the "Black Hercules" of Ghana, over eight. Karimu King outpointed Mike Abbey, ten rounds, welterweights. Abdul Rahmani stopped Amos Ajao in the sixth round of a scheduled ten-round featherweight contest.

Amoni Kotey, number one contender for Ghana's national welterweight title, has been suspended for six months for failing to show up for a bout on the card. Kotey pleaded he was medically unfit to fulfill the contract, but was unable to support the claim with a medical certificate of unfitness.

NIGERIA

▲ LAGOS — Nigeria's top heavyweight, Ngozika Ekwelum, stopped Jamaican giant Tony Moore in the sixth round of a scheduled ten-rounder.

After suffering a third round knockdown, Tony ran into a solid jab followed by two quick shots to the lower lip in the early seconds of the sixth. The referee decided to halt the contest after examining the wound.

African flyweight champion Ray Amao won a unanimous decision over Fast Clay, Cross River State, Nigeria, over eight in a supporting bout.

▲ LAGOS — Rashidi Oyadeyi made his pro debut by beating Tony Blankson, who, despite repeated warnings, was disqualified in the third round for "rough tactics and persistent body holding." It was a scheduled eight-round super lightweight bout.

▲ LAGOS — African and Commonwealth featherweight champion Eddie Ndukwu, Nigeria, stopped Houssou Jean, Republic of Benin, Jean failing to answer the bell for the third round. This was part of a special card arranged by the Nigerian Boxing Board of Control to raise funds for the hosting of a three-day World Medical Symposium on Professional Boxing.

▲ LAGOS — The "international thriller" between African flyweight champion Ray Amao and Domingo Cyril of the Republic of Benin ended after five rounds when it was discovered that Cyril had been administered a 90% alcoholic stimulant which made him fight and "charge like a bull" despite the heavy odds against him. Amao was ahead on points, however. The bout was scheduled for eight rounds.

▲ LAGOS — Welterweight Fighting Romanus, Imo State, outpointed previously undefeated Hunter Clay, Lagos State, a student, in six rounds.

▲ LAGOS — Air Force strongman Eddie Cooper eked out a decision over Ojo Ekiti, six rounds, heavyweights.

▲ ILORIN — Ilorin, the capital of Kwara State, had the honor of hosting the first "international professional boxing tournament" organized by Top Brand Organization, one of the twenty licensed boxing promoters in Nigeria. (In Nigeria, of course, a boxing card is called a "tournament.")

Local Victor Oseni, 124, the Nigerian national featherweight champion, was scheduled to meet Silvanus Olympio, Benin, over fifteen rounds for the West African featherweight title. Olympio, however, failed to make 126 pounds, and the bout had to go on as a "catchweight" contest. Olympio was 128½.

Silvanus, who had won all of his twenty-three previous pro bouts, scoring seventeen kayoes, was weak because of his efforts to make the required poundage. Oseni, in only his fourth professional bout, knocked him down in the eighth and final round with a hard right to the face. Olympio beat the count, but lost a close decision.

Arizi Gbewunmi, Benin, outscored Paul Jimoh, six, bantamweights.

Young Muhammad Ali, Ondo State, TKO'd Shafi Danfo, six rounds, featherweights. Referee F. Jacobs stopped the fight.

The catchweight contest between Joe Diamond, 133, and Young Adigun, 148, scheduled for six rounds, was halted after only two frames when the referee saw that the contest was a mismatch.

THEO ANGUS ANITCHE

SENEGAL

▲ DAKAR — Sports Complex — Marie Emebe, 160, Republic of Cameroon, won the African middleweight title by knocking out the champion, Scorpion Ofusu, 143½, Ghana, in 1:40 of the first round. It took the ringside doctors more than fifteen minutes to revive Ofusu with the aid of smelling salts.

It was the second loss for Ofusu in twenty-six professional fights. Chile's national champion, Kenato Garcia, had stopped him in the second round in 1978.

Emebe landed a tremendous right to the champ's chin which made him drop his guard and slump over the ropes, where he hung lifelessly while Senegalese referee Abdoulaye Mbaye counted him out. After a few anxious moments, Ofusu dropped to the canvas. Fortunately, the ring doctors were ready, and they started working on him at once.

The Ghana Boxing Authority later claimed that the African Boxing Union had fatally erred in authorizing Ofusu, a natural welter, to defend his crown against Emebe, who is a full-fledged middle. Yet, Ofusu was the middleweight champ.

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TITLE VACANT
1. Kilani Djouadi (Tu)
2. Joe Kalala (G)
3. Ngozika Ekwelum (N)
4. Ekow Krane (G)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion:
Bakayovo Sounkalo (M)
1. Ray Adonis (G)
2. Abraham Tonica (N)
3. Guinea Roger (N)
4. Victor Attivor (G)
5. Kilemtore Boureine (IC)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion:
Marie Emebe (C)
1. Scorpion Ofusu (G)
2. Shaco Mamba (Z)
3. Peter Assandoh (G)
4. Idrissa Konate (S)
5. Barhouni (Tu)
6. King George Aidoo (G)

LIGHT MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion:
Loucif Hamani (A)
1. Simon Rifoe (C)
2. Cheldi Tebourski (Tu)
3. Kante Mangui (M)
4. Sea Robinson (IC)
5. Oumar Fall (S)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion:
Momo Hahatan (Tu)
1. Salam Quedraogo (IC)
2. Mokthar Minoum (Mo)
3. Joseph Bessala (C)
4. Bechir Boundka (Tu)
5. Ali Kaje Abdoul (L)
6. Nana Koudougou (IC)
7. Illouma Akakpo (T)
8. Issa Diope (S)
9. Oblitey Commey (G)

LIGHT WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion:
Obisia Nwakpa (N)
1. Degila Laurent (IC)
2. Kum Pwani (Z)
3. Lamjed Guizani (Tu)
4. Kpessou Hebiessu (T)
5. Saraa Diallo (S)
6. Dan Patterson (G)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion:
Bossou Azizan (T)
1. Hogan Jimoh (N)
2. Freddie Mensah (G)
3. Maghfour Lahcan (Mo)
4. Tapsoba Tiga (IC)
5. Joe Azizu (G)
6. Fakhi Abdou (S)
7. Cornelius Boza-Edwards (U)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion:
Eddie Ndukwu (N)
1. David Kotey (N)
2. Bazie Laurant (IC)
3. Mouldi Manai (Tu)
4. Ali Messaoud (A)
5. Henry Saddler (G)
6. Dape Henry (A)
7. Abass Macauley (IC)
8. Joseph Faye (S)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion:
Kodjo Mensah Kpalongo (T)
1. Sulley Shittu (T)
2. Kone Henry (IC)
3. Ragga Murphy (G)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion:
Ray Amao (N)
1. Patrick Mambue (Za)
2. Babadi Keita (IC)
3. Ibrahim Mohamed (G)
4. N'Goh Konadio (IC)

Legend: (A) Algeria; (C) Cameroon; (G) Ghana; (IC) Ivory Coast; (L) Libya; (M) Mali; (Mo) Morocco; (N) Nigeria; (S) Senegal; (T) Togo; (Tu) Tunisia; (U) Uganda; (Z) Zaire; (Za) Zambia

ORIENT

UEHARA-IKEHARA

Tokyo, Japan — Yasutsune Uehara, 28, has been Japan's national lightweight champion for a long time. He's now the WBA's eighth-ranked 130-pounder.

Born in Okinawa in October, 1949, Uehara became the Japanese amateur champ while he was a Nohon University student. His record was 117-8, including 88 stoppages, before he decided to turn professional under Masaki Kanehira's management.

The sturdy youngster made his pro debut in Hawaii almost seven years ago. After compiling a 4-1 record with three kayoes in Hawaii, Uehara returned to Japan and won an upset decision (non-title) over Mexico's WBC junior lightweight champ, Ricardo Arrendondo, in his ninth pro bout in 1973. It was on August 24, 1974, that Uehara challenged world junior lightweight titlist Ben Villaflor in Honolulu and was knocked out in the second round.

Uehara took aim at the national title in July, 1975, and won it via a surprising first-round knockout over Tsuyoshi Okabe. Having defended his crown by stopping Masa Ito in five and ex-champ Okabe in eight, Uehara lost it on a controversial decision to Ito. The determined Uehara, however, easily regained it by whipping the fast-moving, but light-punching Ito three months later, in July of 1976. Uehara has made four successful defenses since, while his stablemate, Yoko Gushiken, captured the WBA junior flyweight title in his ninth professional bout and retained it nine times. Uehara possesses a well-developed torso and arms, and has scored eighteen kayoes in twenty-two wins against only four defeats. He recently scored seven kayoes in a row, and manager Kanehira is trying to arrange a crack at Samuel Serrano's world crown in the 130-pound division.

Uehera, meanwhile, engaged in a tune-up against lefty Yoshitaka Ikehara, with his national title at stake, in Korakuen Hall. The champ lacked his usual zip, but managed to win a ten-round unanimous decision and drop his rival in rounds seven and nine.

The official scoresheets were as follows: referee Tezaki, 49-43; judges Sasake and Kanaya, 49-44 and 50-44, respectively.

Uehara had, reportedly, suffered a virus infection about ten days prior to the bout.

Ikehara, a half pound lighter that the defending champ's 130, made good use of his footwork to avert Uehara's vaunted power. The southpaw's strategy looked successful until he tired in the second half of the contest. How many shots did Uehara miss? There were so many that your reporter gave up counting midway in the fight. But the less experienced Ikehara, 24 years of age and 8-3-1 (two kayoes), did not prove a formidable opponent. In the seventh round, the loser hit the deck from a left hook for the compulsory eight-count. Thereafter, Uehara chased Ikehara and threw plenty of combos. The challenger was on the deck again in the ninth canto.

In a companion ten, unbeaten Akio Kameda, Japan's national welterweight king, 147½, made short work of Hirofumi Sawada, also 147½. Kameda upped his record to 11-0 with ten knockouts, but it might be time for him to face stronger rivals than the glass-jawed Sawada, who went down for the count from a fast but light shot in the second round.

Free swinging bantam Hiroyuki Tanaka battered Mikio Kamata in close and halted him midway in the third round. Each weighed in at 117¾ pounds.

There were four other four-rounders on the card, which was presented by Kanehira's Kyoei Promotions.

JAPAN

▲ **NARA — Kashiwara Gymnasium —** Slick-punching Kiyoshi (Battle Hawk) Kazama, 134¾, won the vacant Japanese lightweight crown by stopping Mitsuo Ohashi, 135, at 2:50 of the third session before some 4,000 spectators. Kazama, 29, dropped the nervous loser three times with left hooks in the fatal round. After a brilliant amateur career, Kazama turned professional five years ago, but did not win any Japanese or Oriental titles because of controversial decisions. Ex-champ Masahiro Yokai had relinquished the title due to weight problems.

In a semi-final eight, lightweight Ichiro Izawa, 134½, was held to a split draw by African newcomer Royal Umeno, 134½, Ghana.

A supporting flyweight sixer saw unique scoresheets, 28-28 by all the officials, after Tsutomu Kawakami, 110, and Masahiro Yanagiya, 109¾, fought a close fight.

▲ **TOCHIGI — Utsunomiya Gymnasium —** In a semi-windup to the WBA flyweight title contest between Betulio Gonzalez and Shoji Oguma, middleweight Minoru Ono, 161¼, halted Nessie Horiguchi, 162¼, in the fifth round of a scheduled ten.

Bantam Hideaki Sawada lost to Sanji Ito, six.

▲ **YOKOHAMA — Cultural Gymnasium —** The crowd witnessed an amazing upset, as national junior middleweight champion Kenji Shibata, 154, sank from a one-two-three combo by Michihiro Horihata, also 154, in 0:38 of the tenth and final round. Horihata thus became Japan's champion after having dropped three 10-round decisions to the tall, lefthanded, Shibata.

Horihata also is a southpaw.

In a supporting ten, unbeaten junior flyweight Masaharu Inami, 109, eked out a decision over Phenix Taniguchi.

In a flyweight ten, Nobuyuki Watanabe, 112, demolished Mikio Uchida, 111½, in five.

Featherweight Joe Hayato and Kaishu Shin, both 126, fought a six-round draw.

▲ **TOKYO — Korakuen Pingpong Center —** OPBF junior middleweight boss Tadashi Mihara, 153½, successfully retained his title by knocking out Armando Boniquit, 153 and from the Philippines, in 3:09 of the fifth round. The unbeaten Mihara thus upped his perfect record to 6-0, all by kayo.

Mihara, a former amateur champ who made steady progress after turning pro last year, found his most formidable opposition, not in the 34-year-old Filipino, but in the heat of the arena. He scored heavily with one-twos from the start and dropped the veteran, 31-14-5 with 15 kayoes, for the mandatory eight-count in the third round. Near the end of the fifth stanza, Mihara landed a jolting left and flattened Armando for the count. Mihara, 23 and the WBA's seventh-ranked 154 pounder, is a bright prospect, but he should increase his punching power.

In a semi-tenner, prohibitive favorite Katsuhiro Okubo, 139½, received too many uppercuts from Toshio Mori, who scored a six-round TKO.

Mori, 140, a substitute for Harbar Watanabe, was battered by Okubo's faster hands. But Okubo made a mistake: he exchanged punches with his slower by hard-hitting rival. In round five, Okubo, the Japanese Boxing Commission's third-ranked lightweight contender, absorbed a lot of punishment, and took the compulsory eight-count twice. Referee Yoshida declared a halt in round six. This result was beyond our expectations.

Junior flyweight Tadashi Tomori won a unanimous decision over Hammer Yoshida, eight. Each entered the ring at the 108-pound junior flyweight limit.

The card was presented by Misako Promotions and telecast through Fuji TV.

▲ **TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—**Fast-moving Hurricane Teru, 118, scored a surprisingly quick knockout of Kosei Anan, the hard-punching defending champion, also 118, to win the Japanese bantamweight title.

The knockout came at 2:36 of the second session. Teru tossed a very well-timed right at Anan's chin. The champ went down, got up immediately, but was still wobbly and the third man counted him out on his feet.

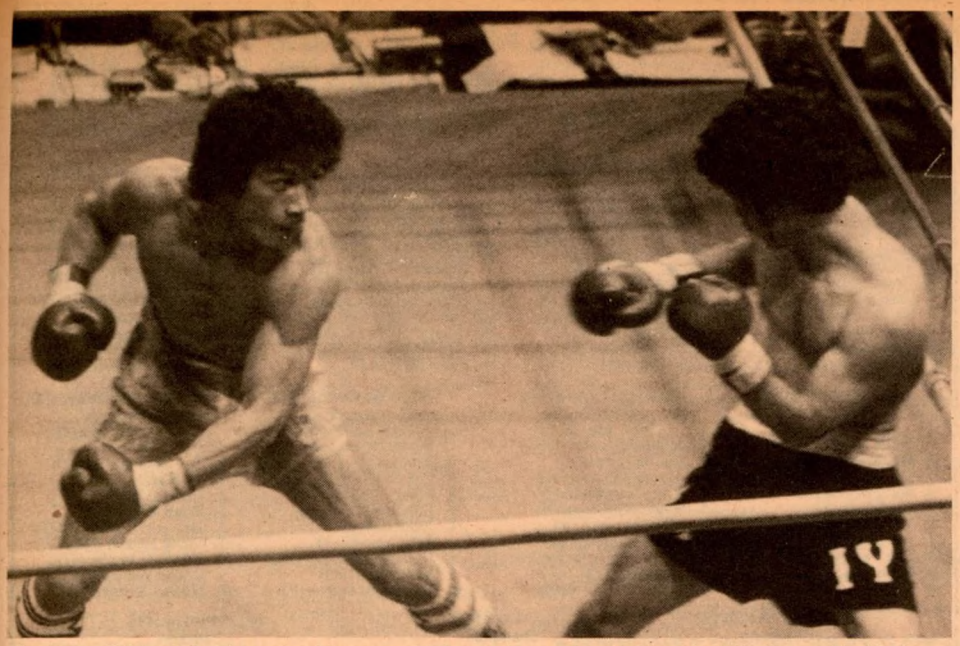
Teru, 27, was not as good, lacking power, when he was campaigning in the flyweight division under the name of Shunzo Terukano. He has, however, made remarkable progress since outgrowing the 112-pound class, although he has lost hairline nods to Shuichi Isogami and Eijiro Murata.

This was Teru's thirtieth triumph and eleventh kayo against eight defeats and three draws. Anan's record drops to 17-3-2 with nine kayoes.

In a junior welter six, Raiden Kobayashi, 139½, outpowered Takeshi Kaneda, 140, finishing him in five.

▲ **TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—**OPBF featherweight champion Royal Kobayashi was bewildered by the busy hands of Hikaru (Ko) Tomonari, a lanky speedster who copped a majority decision in their ten-round non-title bout before about fifteen hundred fans.

Both entered the ring at 130 pounds, but Tomonari, the JBC's second-ranked junior lightweight, with a mediocre record of 8-



Japanese lightweight champion Yasutsane Uehara misses with a left against challenger Yoshitaka Ikehara. Yasutsane retained his crown by unanimous decision.

4-1 with four kayoes, was the taller by three inches. Tomonari tossed fast combinations at his crouching opponent, taking the lead, while Kobayashi, who had sunk 23 victims out of 27 wins against five defeats, attempted to close in on the puzzling speedster with his jolting lefts, to no avail.

Kobayashi was forced to cover up in the latter half, rather than try to overcome the points deficit: The official scoresheets were closer than the fight seemed: referee Morita, 48-48; judges Tezaki and Shimakawa, both 48-47 in favor of Tomonari.

Tomonari, 23 years of age, is a son of a former amateur boxer, and was boxing as an amateur while attending Chuoh University. He entered the pro ranks in 1976. His "fighting spirit" made him chase the likes of Leopardo Tsuruta and Shuzo Yoshida, get caught by their "lucky punches" and go to "dreamland." Tomonari, however, seems very sharp this year, beating Keizo Kurebayashi and stopping Junichi Okubo in addition to defeating Kobayashi.

In a supporting ten, Jackal Maruyama, the current Novice King Tournament winner in the bantam class, endured a furious attack by veteran puncher Seishi Ii in the third round, fought back hard, and was awarded a TKO at the end of the sixth round. Both weighed 120.

The fight was stopped because of a wide gash under Ii's left eyebrow. Maruyama, now the JBC's tenth-ranked bantamweight, upped his record to 11-3-1 with five knockouts.

In a preliminary eight, hitherto unbeaten Super Riki, 200½, was unable to catch the faster Tsumoru Okamoto, 185¾, losing a majority decision.

The card, promoted by the JRJ Kokusai Gym, was for Bomber Uchida, Japan's top junior lightweight contender, who recently retired with an overall record of 24-4-2 including eleven knockouts.

▲ **TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—It was Brazilian Danilo Batista's first appearance in Japan. He had challenged Carlos Zarate, then the WBC bantamweight king, but went down for the count in Los Angeles on October 29, 1977.

Batista, however, was battered by up-and-coming Japanese southpaw Takashi Uezu, the JVC's third-ranked bantamweight contender, who disposed of the shorter newcomer at 2:13 of the second session in their scheduled tenner.

Uezu, now 11-1 with five kayoes, looked sharp, and dropped Batista once in the opening round and twice more in the fatal canto. Sitting on the seat of his trunks, Batista made no effort to stand up and resume fighting. Each entered the ring at 120 pounds. Batista's record now drops to 26-6 (13 kayoes).

KOREA

▲ **SEOUL—Changchung Gymnasium**—WBC junior flyweight titlist Sung-Jun Kim, 111½, won a ten-round unanimous decision over Janpan's Jiro Takada, 113, former OPBF flyweight champ.

This was a supporting bout on the Sang-Hyun Kim-Fitzroy Guisseppi WBC junior welterweight title card. Takada had contracted for 112, and made every effort to make the weight, taking a steam bath, shaving his head, etc., but all was in vain. As a result of being overweight, Takada had to wear eight-ounce gloves, and was consequently far too slow of hand for Kim.

Kim's sharp combos weakened Takada considerably, but not enough to put him on the canvas. Kim, now 24-5-6, with 12 knockouts, looked far better than he had against Hector Rey Melendez. Takada's gameness won the praise of the spectators.

▲ **SEOUL**—Hard-hitting Choong-Jae Hwang, the fourth-ranked welterweight of the Korean Boxing Commission, overwhelmed Japan's Tarzan Tobaru, knocked him down four times, and finished him in the second round of their scheduled ten-rounder. Hwang, a Gold Medalist in the last Asian Games, was in his second professional bout, and no sooner had the fight begun than Hwang scored with a wicked right followed by a left-right combination, dropping Tarzan. It soon became a slaughter that ended with Tarzan on the deck for the ten-count.

▲ **DAECHON**—OPBF junior flyweight champ Sang-Il Chung retained his title as Japan's Tsugumasa Toma retired with a bad gash over his left eyebrow at 1:38 of the second in a scheduled twelve-rounder. Chung, according to reports, barely made the 108-pound limit, and this was, apparently, his last defense.

The shorter Toma gamely bored in to Chung's midsection, winning the first round. The challenger, however, suffered a bad cut in a furious mix-up early in the second round. He bled so profusely that the KBC ref called a halt at the suggestion of the ringside doctor. Chung, who was kayoed by Japan's Yoko Gushiken last year, is rather tall for a 108-pounder, and should be successful as a flyweight.

▲ **SEOUL**—OPBF middleweight champion Jae-Do Yuh, 31, has announced his retirement. Korean national champion Chong-Pal Park and Japan's Cassius Naito will meet for the vacant OPBF title.

Yuh was a strong champion who made twenty-one defenses. He once held the world junior middleweight title, having stopped Koichi Wajima for it in the seventh round, June 7, 1975. Yuh lost that title back to Wajima in his second defense, via a fifteenth round stoppage, February 17, 1976. Yuh's overall record was 54-3-2, with 29 knockouts. He had been the OPBF champion since knocking out Naito in the sixth round on July 24, 1971.

PHILIPPINES

▲ **ANGELS CITY**—Fred "Bruce Lee" Basa, 128, outpointed Mar Agustin, 128, ten rounds. Efren Nazal was the promoter.

▲ **BUTUAN CITY**—Ric Dolotallas, 130, TKO'd Rolly Pugahan, 130, four.

▲ **MANDAUE CITY**—Dommy Marolena, 125, won a unanimous decision over Al Rizo, 124¾, ten.

▲ **GEN. SANTOS CITY**—Ver Libradilla, 109, won a unanimous decision over Andy Balaba, 109, ten.

▲ **CAG. DE ORO CITY**—Veteran San Sacristan, 124, won a unanimous decision over Bill Abrogar, 122½. Flash Jagdon, 113, won a unanimous decision over Danilo Inocian, 113, ten. Florentino Uba was the promoter.

▲ **BULAN, SORSOGON**—Noe Canio, 116½, lost an upset unanimous decision to Ruben Arevalo, 116, ten.

▲ **CALUAUAG, QUEZON**—William Develos, 112, won a hard fought unanimous decision over Frank Cedeno, 113, ten. Tito Abella, 112, scored an impressive ninth round TKO over Johnny Castro, 113.

▲ **ANGELS CITY**—Romy Cunanan, 130, the top contender for the national featherweight title, won a unanimous decision over Mar Marin, 113, ten. Eddie Miral, 118, was held to a draw by Star Dayanan, 117, ten.

▲ **CABANATUAN CITY**—Fel Viesca, 125, and Ernie Solis, 124, battled to a split draw, ten. Rolly Garcia Ramos, 110, dropped an upset decision to Fred Sta. Iglesia, 110, ten.

▲ **MANILA—Rizal Memorial Coliseum**—Noe Canino, 122½, TKO'd Jaime Sanama, 122¼, in the second round of a scheduled ten. Larry Enriquez, 119½, and Rusty Torrecampo, 118¼, had their fight halted and declared a technical draw.

▲ **DIPOLOG CITY**—Ben Algeguer, 109½, won a unanimous decision over Mac Espanola, 114¼, ten.

▲ **QUEZON CITY**—Henry Pepito, 114, won an upset verdict over George Pedroso, 114, ten.

▲ **DAVAO CITY**—Three ten-rounders were presented on one card by impresario Margarito Daramayo. Neptali Alamag, 121, outpointed Gerron Porra, 119½. Ronald Sumalis, 121, halted Roy Arcillas, eight. Nilo Acido, 131¼, stopped Ben Basa, 132, two.

▲ **QUEZON CITY**—Chito Adigue, 122, won a unanimous decision over Bu Rozarre, 120½, ten.

▲ **MANILA—Rizal Memorial Coliseum**—Mike Benitez, 135, and Mar Simbajon, 134½, drew, ten. Bernie Solis, 123½, won a unanimous decision over Jaime Enriquez, 121½, ten. Henry Balina, 110, battered Tony Seas, 110, and won a unanimous ten-round decision.

▲ **JAEN, NUEVA ECIJA**—Henry Barcellano, 126, won a unanimous decision over Ernie Pinon, 125, ten.

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▲ **MANILA**—Saensak Muangsurin tried a comeback as a welterweight and lost a unanimous decision to Dan De Guzman, ten rounds. Guzman, a fast boxer without much power, beat the sluggish Muangsurin all the way.

▲ **MANILA**—Junior lightweight Johnny Sato pounded out a unanimous decision over Ryu Fukida, Tokyo, twelve. Sato was down near the end of the sixth round. Both men are southpaws, and they threw a lot of leather. The shorter but sharper Sato chased the man from Japan in the last two rounds, Fukida appearing to have run out of gas. Sato looks like a tough prospect; he's fast.

▲ **MANILA—Rizal Memorial Coliseum**—Filipino lightweight champion Manuel Ysrael retained his title with a unanimous decision over Joe Lim, twelve. Each weighed 134½.

▲ **MANILA—Rizal Memorial Coliseum**—Ric Diamale, 118¼, the Philippines' national junior featherweight champion, won a unanimous desision over Ador Seguin, 123, twelve. (Non-title bout)

Nene Jun, 130¼, the national featherweight title holder, won a unanimous decision over Dony Soriano, twelve. (Non-title bout)

The promoter was Agustin Garcia.

▲ **CABANATUAN CITY**—Filipino national junior lightweight champ Arman Bangoyan, 129, had his fight with Romeo Olivetti, 131, halted and declared a technical draw.

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THAILAND

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Thai junior flyweight Tacomron Viboonchai, ranked ninth by the World Boxing Association, halted Ryu Kaionji, Tokyo, at 1:45 of the third round. Facomron, a game puncher, fought Miguel Canto for the world flyweight title last year and lost a split decision. His speed and skills were too much for the shorter, slower Japanese, and the TBC referee stopped the fight as Ryu was being knocked lopsided. Viboonchai might be a good opponent for either Yoko Gushiken or Sung-Jun Kim.

Junior featherweight Vichit Muangroi-et swarmed all over taller Kosei Kawaguchi, Japan, and knocked him out at 1:30 of the third round in a scheduled twelve-rounder. Vichit nailed Kosei against the ropes and connected with a flurry of punches. The Thai puncher, whose scheduled crack at Ricardo Cardona's WBA title in March was canceled due to the promoter's failure to make payment, floored Kawaguchi twice in the fatal session.

▲ **BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Thai junior middleweight Satanfah Sawprateep outclassed and outpowered Ramon Dionisio and finished him in the fourth round. Satanfah, who made good use of his left, sent Ramon to the canvas with a sharp right in round two, and put him down for good with a wicked left-right combination in the fourth.

In the main event, ex-WBA flyweight champ Bernabe Villacampo knocked out Suwan Silpaya with a hard right to the jaw fourth.

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Thai national featherweight champion Klonyuth P. Punyuth was knocked out by Dorn Sornsakdisith in three rounds. This was a tremendous upset, although Dorn was rated the number six contender in the junior featherweight division by the TBC.

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Up-and-coming flyweight Somboon Chuvatana stopped Pracha V. Charernrat in the third.

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Bantamweight slugger Sakdisamai Ch. Sirirat knocked out Ronnachai Singhtrokpai in four.

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Featherweights Dansing S. Phyayathai and Santi Donjaedee, no contest. The referee halted the bout because of lack of action. Both men had been warned repeatedly.

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Bernabe Cillacampo fought again, this time against ex-WBC world junior flyweight champion Netrnoi Sor Vorasingh. Netrnoi was the winner, scoring a technical knockout at the end of the fifth session in the scheduled twelve-rounder. Villacampo was bleeding too profusely from the nose to answer the bell for the sixth round. Both are short flyweights, and southpaws. Moreover, both are

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2. Heun Won Kang (K)
3. Rudy Siregar (I)
4. Torkano Markos (A)
5. Ceaser Sasaki (J)
6. Cassius Naito (J)
7. Katsuo Ezashi (J)
8. Kee Yong Chun (K)
9. James Carahan (J)
10. John Krisna (A)

JR. MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Tadashi Mihara (J)
1. Michihiro Horihata (J)
2. Aquilino Nicolas, Jr. (P)
3. Hoo Joo (K)
4. Yong Taek Kim (K)
5. Chung Shik Kim (K)
6. Kenji Shibata (J)
7. Chul Kwen Suh (K)
8. Neil Pattel (A)
9. Ramon Dionisio (P)
10. Tito Gonzaga (P)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Mak Dok Lee (K)
1. Akio Kameda (J)
2. Joo Suk Kim (K)
3. Steve Dennis (A)
4. Kunphol Sakornphitak (T)
5. Gideon Toyogon (P)
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5. Noboru Hatakeyama (J)
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9. Edward Heneral (P)
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LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Yung Ho Oh (K)
1. Battle Hawk Kazama (J)
2. Manny Ysrael (P)
3. Jenrub Muangsurin (T)
4. Barry Michel (A)
5. Lee Iidano (K)
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8. Nak Yung Choi (K)
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Mun Suk Choi
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3. Arman Bangoyan (P)
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Champion
Royal Kobayashi (J)
1. Spider Nemoto (J)
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3. Suk Tae Yun (K)
4. Shuzo Yoshida (J)
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6. Nene June (P)
7. Fel Clemente (P)
8. Dern Sornsakdisith (T)
9. Kensho Ohto (J)
10. Rommy Malolena (P)

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Champion
Soo Hyun Chung (K)
1. Ric Dimale (P)
2. Soo Hwang Hong (K)
3. Yu Kasahara (J)
4. Chung Chul Kim (K)
5. Brian Roberts (A)
6. Dejvarin Hollywood (T)
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8. Hiroyuki Iwamoto (J)
9. Chong Wo Baek (K)
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BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Eijiro Murata (J)
1. Paul Ferreri (A)
2. Hurricane Teru (J)
3. Yung Shik Kim (K)
4. Billy Abato (P)
5. Takashi Uezu (J)
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9. Roland Sumalis (P)
10. Raffy Saulong (P)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Hwang Soo Yang (K)
1. Koichi Maki (J)
2. Arnel Arrozel (P)
3. Shoji Oguma (J)
4. Jiro Takada (J)
5. Dan Pisalchai (T)
6. Tae Shi Kim (K)
7. Riki Igarashi (J)
8. Samthong Sithumrong (T)
9. Shigeo Nakajima (J)
10. Pedro Solo (A)

JR. FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Sang Il Chung (K)
1. Kazunori Tenryu (J)
2. Chung Cherng Borkorsor (T)
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4. Facomron Vibonchai (T)
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Vorasingh, preparing for a return bout with WBC junior flyweight champ Sung-Jun Kim, got off to a better start, winning the second and third rounds by narrow margins. However, Villacampo started non-stop punching, had the Thai in retreat a few times, and dominated the next two sessions. Bernabe, however, was in no shape to go on. His face and torso were covered with the blood still spouting from his nostrils.

▲ **BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Southpaw Pisvong Sinbunggerd, the TBC's fifth-ranked junior featherweight, lost an upset decision to unknown Pahsurin V. Suthiphan, six rounds.

▲ **BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Veteran flyweight Grasaesin Lerkchai polished off Daownoi Sithsaneh in the in the fifth round. Suwan, a former kick boxer, was fighting his first "international style" bout. He is 22 years old.

Suwan had Villacampo, 34, in trouble with a flurry in the third round, but the veteran fought back and launched a "smoking" attack.

Promoter Lope Sarreal, Sr.'s words seem to sum up the thinking of many young Thai boxers. "Many boxers here are trying to be a second Saensak Muangsurin, who became the (WBC) world champ in only his third bout. They think they can become champions overnight. This is very wrong."

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MONEY-BACK GUARANTEE

AUSTRALIA

▲ SYDNEY — Hordern Pavilion — Australian heavyweight and light heavyweight champion Tony Mundine, 175, defeated American Pete McIntyre, 174, the victory coming by a kayo in round five after the application of the Australian Boxing Federation no-foul rule.

Mundine lived up to his reputation for sensationalism. (His career has been studded with heart-stopping action.) After a quiet opening, McIntyre unleashed a right to the jaw that knocked Mundine against the ropes. Pete quickly followed up and another right to the jaw sent the Australian champion crashing to the canvas.

Mundine rose at the count of two and the bell rang to end the first round.

In the second, McIntyre dumped Mundine again. Tony rose at the count of one and stood while the compulsory eight was tolled.

McIntyre won those two frames, but Mundine fought back hard and the third round was even on my card; I was the referee. In the fourth, Mundine really turned on the action and Pete went with him. With the crowd roaring in excitement, the two sent out powerladen blows. Near the end of the round, a right from Mundine caused McIntyre to grab and hold on. At the end of the round, the American did not appear at all happy. He looked apprehensive.

Mundine threw everything into the fifth round. McIntyre was forced to fight back. Then a spanking right from Mundine landed flush on McIntyre's jaw, and Pete grabbed Mundine to prevent himself from falling.

The fact that McIntyre did not go down shows that he can take a good wallop.

I ordered them to "break," and Mundine pulled out of the clinch. McIntyre went back to the ropes and bent over in an effort to "smother." Mundine then brought up a right which landed low, nearly two inches below the belt line.

I jumped in, sent Mundine to a neutral corner, spoke to McIntyre, and called Pete's trainer, Roscoe Jones, to collect him, as I applied the no-foul rule.

Under the ABF no-foul rule, the stricken boxer is given the remainder of the round (in this case, two minutes and fifteen seconds), plus the one-minute interval prior to the start of the next round, plus any additional time recommended by the ringside doctor.

I stayed in McIntyre's corner. Pete was squirming in all sorts of agony. I ran my hand over his abdominal shield. There was no dent in it, and it was my belief that he should have been perfectly okay to continue by the start of the sixth round. McIntyre, however, continued to squirm. He said he had been hit on the testicles, but he must wear them very high, because three later viewings of the action on TV proved that my eyesight was not astray in assessing that the punch landed less than two inches below the belt line. The doctor advised additional rest.

Roscoe Jones asked me to declare a technical draw. I pointed out that if his boxer did not continue after a reasonable time he would lose by a knockout. He and I had discussed the rules the previous night, the no-foul rule being discussed in full.

Eight minutes, twenty-five seconds after the low block had been struck, Jones stepped to Mundine, who had come over to see how McIntyre was, held out his hand to Tony and said: "We concede."

I immediately crowned Mundine a kayo winner. Tony did not want to be crowned. He said: "I don't want to win this way. Let him come out and continue." "He has retired from the contest," I replied. "I'll fight him again," declared Mundine, "In his home town if he wants it there."

Roscoe Jones came to me a couple of minutes later. "In the States," he said, "this would have been (declared) a technical draw." I told him that the WBC rule stated that "if the boxer does not continue the fight, he will lose by abandonment," and that, in New York, McIntyre would not have been given any spell at all. New York rules that "A referee must count out a boxer who falls to the floor claiming foul because of a low blow." Roscoe said nothing.

In an eight-rounder, the only other pro bout on the bill, Ritchie Roberts, 153, won a clear and unanimous decision over David Hill, 150.

There were eleven amateur contests on the program; all were good.

▲ SPRINGVALE — Town Hall — David Hill, 146, outpointed Coz Ferraro, 146, ten, and won the vacant Victoria State welterweight title. The decision was unanimous and clear.

In a ten-round support, Stan Bogovic, 175, knocked out Reno Zurik, 179, in the second.

▲ SPRINGVALE — Town Hall — Ten nights after his defeat of Zurik, Bogovic, 174, knocked out Ken Eldridge, 174, in the second round of a scheduled eight.

In the main event, Glenn Howard, 130, knocked out Brian Everard, 128½, and retained his Victoria State junior lightweight title. The promoters billed it as for the Australian title, but the true Australian champion is Larry Valesini, who is willing to defend against Howard, whereas Howard, or his trainer, is not willing to meet Valesini.

▲ REVESBY — Workers' Club — Six nights after his bout with Everard, Howard, 132, went at it with Big Jim West, former Australian flyweight champion, who had made a comeback by outpointing Robert Namana in New Guinea on July 10. West, 134¾, had too much on the ball for Howard in a very good, solid battle. Big Jim gradually wore Howard down, and had him badly shaken by the end

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of the ninth round when he committed a cardinal sin. He landed three or four punches after the bell had ended the round, dropping Howard with the last shot. Referee Alf Weymark disqualified West, who, if he had not been so impetuous, would have won clearly, possibly by kayo in the last round.

In the chief supporting bout, also scheduled for ten, Jim Gillon, 155, halted comebacking Phil Khan, also 155, referee Trevor Christian stopping the contest in the third. Khan complained bitterly, saying that he was okay, but Christian ruled that he had taken enough punishment. He had given Khan a standing count some seconds earlier.

Les Miller, 185, and Sam N'Gata, 184, fought to a good draw, eight rounds.

Benny Mack, 164, scored a surprising knockout over Bob Holt in the fifth round of another scheduled eight. Holt had led up to that point.

▲ KINGSFORD — South Sydney Junior Leagues Club — In a big upset, Phil "Spider" Davies, 158, halted Torkano Marcos, 158, in the fifth round of a scheduled ten to win the vacant NSW State middleweight title.

Marcos was the leading contender for Wally Carr's Australian title, but there was no disputing Spider's win. He dominated the action, dropped Marcos twice, and looked the winner in every respect when the towel came in from Torkano's corner.

▲ MURGON — Steve Buttons, 122, removed the Queensland State featherweight crown from the brow of Billy Facer, 125, with a points win over ten.

▲ MT. PRITCHARD — Eddie Buttons, 148 (a cousin of Steve), had far too much on the ball for Jeff Sait, 149, and the contest was stopped in round five.

▲ HEXHAM — Dave Agnew, 144, outpointed Speedo Duke 146, decking him three times in eight rounds.

In another eight-rounder, Vinnie Edwards, 144, was awarded an unpopular decision over George Reno.

▲ KINGSFORD — Paul Baker, 135, outpointed Ezzard Charles, 137, eight.

RAY MITCHELL

▲ REVESBY—Workers' Club—Australian featherweight (and bantamweight) champion Paul Ferreri, 125¼, outclassed a courageous Brian Roberts, 125½, who holds the Australian junior featherweight title, and won a unanimous decision after twelve. Referee Alf Weymark saw it 119-110, judge Russ Menadue carded 119-101, and judge Trevor Christian came up with 120-115. My unofficial card was 119-101.

Ferreri, after a slow start, looked like a world champion, as he guided Roberts to where he wanted him, punched holes in his defense, and rendered him impotent when he tried to turn the tide.

On the verge of a knockout on several occasions, the game Roberts managed to stay on his feet until the final couple of seconds, when he went down.

Ferreri thus registered his sixtieth win in seventy-two fights against five draws and seven losses. He has been stopped only once, that by a cut eye in round twelve of a WBC bantamweight title fight with Carlos Zarate. The hard-hitting Zarate could not deck Paul.

Ferreri may not win a world title as a bantamweight or feather, but he definitely should be in the world ratings as a bantam. He can make the weight without undue effort.

Roberts has now won thirty-two out of forty-eight fights, with five draws.

In the main support, over ten rounds, Brian Everard, 127, outpointed Willie Leslie, 127, but had to keep moving all the time.

In a scheduled eight-rounder, Jim Gillon, 156, halted Bob Holt, 155, in the fourth. Holt,who normally scales around 164, overdid the weight reducing. He looked drawn and had little resistance.

In another eight, Reg King, 130, had too much on the ball for Sparrow Freeman, 123, and a cut eye forced a stoppage at the end of round two, King winning on a TKO.

▲ ROOTY HILL—R.S.L. Club—Larry Valesini, 130, won the vacant Australian junior lightweight title by easily outpointing a surprisingly lethargic Roger Henry, 130, over twelve. Referee Trevor Christian carded 120-113, judge Russ Menadue 119-113, and judge Alf Weymark 117-112. I thought the officials rather lenient towards Henry. My card showed 120-106, and Henry's trainer, Mick Driscoll, agreed with it.

Valesini and Henry had fought a solid ten-round draw a couple of months earlier which was a war, one of the best fights seen around these parts for ages. This time, Valesini boxed better, while Henry moved as he did in the first bout but did not punch as often, even when the openings were there. Perhaps he was overawed by the big title on the line. But all credit to Valesini, who must defend against Glenn Howard within three months.

▲ DUBBO—Victoria Park—Australian middleweight champion Wally Carr, heavy at 165, easily outpointed game Terry Fox, lighter than usual at 166½, over twelve rounds in the open air. Maybe having the bout on a Saturday afternoon was the reason, but the attendance was only about 250.

The fight was exciting because Fox refused to be knocked out and repeatedly took the fight to the chamion But that was a hard way to do it, and Carr won by a big margin. I was at ringside and scored it 119-101.

The promoters had billed it for the "vacant junior light heavyweight championship of Australia" (limit 168), whatever that division is. It's certainly not recognized by the Australian Boxing Federation. Perhaps that had something to do with the size of the crowd, though no prior statement was made to the media about the lack of recognition.

In an eight-round support, Australian welterweight champion Steve Dennis, 142, did not really have to exert himself in outpointing Ceddy McGrady, 143.

▲ PRESTON—Town Hall—Jimmy Brown, 137¾, the leading contender for Barry Michael's Australian lightweight title, easily outpointed Speedo Duke, 139, ten rounds. Duke fought well below form—weakened, perhaps, by the weight making—while Brown boxed too cautiously. Both can do better.

▲ KINGSFORD—Torkano Marcos, 165, the number one contender for Wally Carr's middleweight title, halted Ruby Steele, 169, in the sixth round, Steele having suffered a cut eye. Marcos had it in the bag in any case. It was billed for eight.

▲ KINGSFORD—Two weeks after beating Steele, Marcos, 164, outpointed Garry Hubble, 168, eight rounds.

▲ MT. PRITCHARD—Community Club—Dawsey Kelly, 144, outpointed Mick Thompson, 142, in ten. In a co-feature, also scheduled for ten, Chris Bennett, 124, knocked out Steve Pike, 127, in the fourth. A good performance.

▲ NEW NORFOLK—Johnny Kava, 160, knocked out Bill Jackman, 160, in the seventh round to win the vacant Tasmanian State middleweight title.

▲ NOTES—Ring action has eased off in Australia of late. It needs a big breath of life pumped into it. If only televising of boxing would make a comeback here, things would pick up.

Current Australian champions are: Tony Mundine (heavy and light heavy, with no contenders in light heavy and only one, Steve Aczel, in the heavyweight division), Wally Carr (middleweight and junior middle; Wally has kayoed all the top middleweights in Australia and should do the same with the junior middles if anyone challenges him), Steve Dennis (welter; he has four contenders), Jeff Malcolm (junior welter; very hard to beat; has three contenders but he should defeat them; he's already beaten one of them twice), Barry Michael (lightweight; has one contender), Paul Ferreri (featherweight and bantam; no contenders), Brian Roberts (junior featherweight; no contenders unless Ferreri wants a crack at that title). That's it, except for junior flyweight Junior Thompson.

RAY MITCHELL

WORLD-WIDE FIGHT RESULTS

HEAVYWEIGHTS

Ken Norton drew with Scott Ledoux, 10
Alfredo Evangelista stopped Johnny Blaine, 2
Lorenzo Zanon drew with Alfio Righetti, 12
(Retained EBU Heavyweight Title)
Broderick Mason decisioned Mike Tarasewich, 6
Gerry Cooney halted Broderick Mason, 4
Young Joe Louis decisioned Oliver Phillips, 10
Ron Stander halted Jim Pearish, 5
Scott Frank stopped Don Martin, 4
Greg Page stopped James Knox, 2
Percelle Davis kayoed Pete Holm, 2
Lupe Guerra halted Charles Atlas, 5
Pat Duncan decisioned Ken Arlt, 8
Jumbo Cummings knocked out George Goforth, 4
Jeff Podgurski stopped Arnold Sam, 4
Luke Capuano knocked out Obbie Garnet, 1
Robert Reynosa iced Charlie Parker, 1
Bill Connell decisioned Lou Esa, 8
Randy Cobb stopped Don Halpen, 3
Jimmy Abbott kayoed Hennie Thoonen, 1

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

Matthew Saad Muhammad decisioned John Conteh, 15
(Retained WBC Light Heavyweight Title)
James Scott halted Ennio Cometti, 5
Cornell Chavis stopped Sal San Fillipo, 5
Richie Kates decisioned Mario Rosa, 10
Marvin Camel stopped Macka Foley, 2
James Salerno beat Alvaro Lopez, 10
Jerry Martin halted Dale Grant, 12
Ron Huston kayoed Harry Fryar, 1
Mike Fisher stopped Daryl Freeman, 1
Mike Fisher halted Jeremia Cebollero, 1
Frank Dabrowski kayoed Gary Yeats, 4
Hilton Jarrels knocked out Don Fitzsimmons, 6
Jesse Avila decisioned Juan De La Garza, 8
Mario Rosa stopped Harry DeCosey, 5
Tom McNeece drew with Kid Samson, 6
Luke Capuano stopped Jose Gutierrez, 3

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Bennie Briscoe halted Joe Barrientes, 6
Mustapha Hamsho stopped Leo Saenz, 6
Tony Chiaverini knocked out Chris Lange, 7
Wilford Scypion halted Herman Marquez, 2
Curtis Parker decisioned Willie Monroe, 10
Jesse Edwards stopped Troy Vaughn, 2
Mickey Goodwin decisioned Willie Warren, 10
Minoru Ono stopped Nessie Horiguchi, 3
Jimmy Sykes kayoed Emmett Johnson, 6
Rico Dineros beat Jacinto Fernandez, 10
Ali Duran decisioned Dan Staehle, 8
Tyrone Demby halted John Thompson, 1
Herbie Wilens stopped Al Bevier, 4
John LoCicero decisioned Gary Coates, 10
Eddie Marcelle won over Mark Harris, 10

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Sandy Tores knocked out Marijan Benes, 6
Nino Gonzales halted Justice Ortiz, 1
Fred Boynton stopped Derrick Wheeler, 3
Roger Leonard decisioned Wayne Beale, 8
Danny Fabela knocked out Oscar Rios, 5
John Bovenzi halted Malik Muhammad, 4
Alfred Perez stopped Al Davila, 3
Dick Fisher decisioned Jesse Edwards, 8
Tony Suero won over Abel Santiago, 4

WELTERWEIGHTS

Pipino Cuevas decisioned Randy Shields, 15
(Retained WBA Title)
Sugar Ray Leonard stopped Pete Ranzany, 4
Thomas Hearns kayoed Mao De La Rosa, 2
Santiago Valdez halted Johnny Turner, 2
Jose Palacios stopped Jose Santana, 7
Jose Vallejo decisioned Jose Pichardo Ortiz, 10
John Cooper halted Quasim Patrick, 3
Babs McCarthy knocked out Billy Miller, 2
Ron Cummings drew with Pablo Baez, 8
Adan Chavarria halted Orlando Montalvo, 5
Lenny Hahn stopped Audre Obregon, 2
Kevin Bell iced Roy Lee Shelton, 3
Charles Brown stopped Henry Barber, 2
German Cuello knocked out Julio Alfonso, 4
Chris Clarke stopped Clyde Gray, 10
(Won Commonwealth Title)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS

Antonio Cervantes decisioned Kim Kwang-Min, 15
(Retained WBA Title)
Maurice Watkins halted Robert Perez, 7
Ruby Ortiz decisioned Manuel Jimenez
Miguel Montilla stopped Adriano Marrero, 1
Jimmy Corkum beat Carlos Garcia, 10
Hugo Lomeli stopped Juan Vasquez, 6
Victor Pappas halted Angel Cintron, 4

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Ernesto Espana stopped Johnny Lira, 10
(Retained WBA Title)
Hilmer Kenty iced Bobby Flores, 1
Vincente Mijares decisioned Leonardo Bermudez, 10
Ernest Bing decisioned Gaeten Hart, 10
Roberto Elizondo won over Arturo Leon, 10
James Busceme halted Joe Webber, 1
Ricky Gutierrez stopped Ramon Serrano, 5
Frank Moultrie decisioned Jose Osuna, 10
Robert Vasquez halted Andy Ganigan, 7
Jose Luis Lara decisioned Memo Miranda
Juan Graciano halted Daniel Felizardo, 4
Ron Aurit won over Ken Muse, 6
Gregory Winston stopped Clifford Smith, 2
Alfonso Evans decisioned Raymond Roman, 6
Al Guevara won on disqualification over Julio Mendez, 5

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS

Ruben Moreno decisioned Jerry Kornele, 10
Hikaru Tomonari won over Royal Kobayashi, 10
Eddie Richardson kayoed Juan Venegas, 6
Jimmy Washington decisioned Nelson Diaz, 6
Ricardo Jimenez won over Roy Mata Barajas, 4

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Gerald Hayes drew against Derrick Holmes, 8
Jose Nieto halted Morito Jimenez, 7
Salvador Sanchez kayoed Felix Trinidad, 5
Juan LaPorte stopped Wardell Williams, 2
Gabino Davila decisioned Jose Luis Luna, 10
Mario Colon iced Arturo Salas, 1
Francisco Manzo halted Benny Marquez, 3
Leo Cruz stopped Ismael Santana, 4
Ricardo Jimenez leveled Jose Pacheco, 2
Tony Rocha halted Silverio Martinez, 3
Brigido Martinez decisioned Salvador Torres, 10
Salvador Sanchez stopped Rosalio Muro, 3
Ruben Moreno decisioned Gilbert Garza, 6

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS

Manuel Lara decisioned Rodolfo Martinez, 10
Tim Daniels iced Kevin Houston, 1
Derrick Holmes stopped Fernanto Martinez, 1
Takashi Vezu kayoed Danilo Batista, 2
Jackal Maruyama decisioned Sheishi II, 10
Jesus Caicedo stopped Ernesto Gonzales, 3

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Juan Francisco Rodriguez decisioned Lamont Grambert, 10
(EBU Bantamweight Title)
Juan Alvarez decisioned Alfonso Zamora, 10
Jeff Chandler stopped Alberto Cruz, 3
Kiko Bejinez won a technical decision against Francisco Javier Nunez, 2
Calvin Shepherd won over Humberto Rodriguez, 10
Graciella Casillas beat Ginger Kaufman, 10
Chuyin Lopez kayoed Rosendo Alonso, 4
Artemio Ramirez halted Marcos Villasana, 7
Ricardo Bennett stopped Rogelio Minoth, 6
Jorge Ramirez decisioned Jose Bautista, 10

FLYWEIGHTS

Yoko Gushiken decisioned Rafael Pedroza, 15
(Retained WBA junior flyweight title)
Sun-Jun Kim decisioned Sinoy Carupo, 15
(Retained WBC junior flyweight title)
Guty Espadas stopped Jose Luis Cruz, 6
Lupe Madera halted Cecilio Ostos, 5
Oscar Gomez decisioned Joel Segura, 10
German Torres won over Candido Tellez, 10
Jose Gallegos stopped Jose Latine, 4
Willie Jenson kayoed Jose Garcia, 3
Aureliano Sanchez knocked out Paco Gonzalez, 8
Jose Gabriel Tzab halted Arturo Uruzquieta, 3
Julio Rodrigues decisioned Aniceto Vargas, 8

RED ALL OVER

THE NIGHT 13 PROVED LUCKY FOR ROCKY

By RED SMITH

It is with great pleasure that Ring *magazine brings you the premiere writer, boxing or any other sport, in the country every month, "Red" Smith. Red Smith has been entertaining readers for over four decades now in such outposts as Green Bay, St. Louis, Philadelphia and New York, and in a syndicated column throughout the country. His columns have not only won him universal hosannas, but also the Pultizer Prize.*

Believing that any good story is worth telling and retelling, we have asked Red to select what he considers to be his favorite boxing stories. He has, and we will bring them to you each month in a column appropriately entitled "Red All Over."

The noisy crowd had gone from Municipal Stadium, and the press rows were empty of all save the slowest writers and their telegraphers. A fellow who had finished his work was sitting at ringside at the foot of the steps leading down from the corner where J.J. Walcott, the Jersey schoolboy, had sat slumped and bleeding on a stool after Rocky Marciano's right hand separated him from his intellect and the heavyweight championship of the world.

The fellow was musing, reviving in memory the high spots of the fight. His gaze was at his feet but his mind was elsewhere and it was a little while before he really saw the little litter of symbols lying on the patch of turf beside the steps.

When he did, he thought: "Here is all that is left of the old champion of the world." There on the beaten grass were a swab stick, the soiled core of a roll of gauze, and top of a Vaseline jar. If it had been a still-life painting entitled *End of the Road,* it would have won first prize in any exhibit.

When old Joe was gone last night, nothing remained save remnants, these used tools of the seconds' trade, and the memory of one of the most gallant battles any champion ever made in futile defense of his title.

It was a grand fight, possibly the best for the heavyweight championship since Jack Dempsey's famous "long count" match with Gene Tunney a quarter of a century ago. It was a wonderful fight in its own right, close and bruising and bloody and exciting, but especially good because Walcott's performance was so unexpected.

It is wearing a threadbare line to tatters to say that nothing in Walcott's reign as champion became him so well as his leave-taking. It is also true. Here was a pacific old gentleman who was justly recognized as a prince of prudence, an antique tiger who had lost to assorted mediocrities, who had never beaten any fighter of real distinction, who had shown himself possessed of many small skills and great contempt for the calender's spite, but had never exhibited a consuming urge for combat. Yet he stood his ground against a young, rough, resolute bruiser and fought such a battle as nobody believed he could make, and he was winning when the sands ran out. He came suddenly to the end of the string, got nailed, and went out as a champion should, on his shield.

For the record, a majority of ringside witnesses had Walcott ahead until he was stiffened. A few unofficial scorers gave Marciano the edge. On this card they were even in the rounds, but Joe had a substantial lead in points, which don't count in Pennsylvania.

Briefly, the fight went like this: Walcott outclassed Marciano at the start; the younger man won the middle rounds; then the old guy came on again and took charge, and it looked as though he was going to get away free when Rocky caught him.

On the official scores, Marciano couldn't have won after the twelfth round except by a knockout. Off the action in the first round, it didn't look as though he could win with hand grenades.

A magnificent fighter came out of Walcott's corner at the opening bell. He was feinting, punching, showing up his challenger as a gawky novice. He seemed a trifle tense, and in the corner his trainer Dan Florio, kept screaming: "Relax, Joe!" but he was using his weapons superbly. He couldn't miss with his left hook.

As he slugged Marciano to the floor, it seemed impossible that Rocky could last five rounds. One had the shocked impression that here was a nice young fellow who'd been brutally betrayed. But Rocky had what everybody thought he had—courage, great recuperative power, and the strength to throw a killing punch after punishment that would have finished most men. ■

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

CHICO VEJAR

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By NAT LOUBET

I was on my way into Stamford, Connecticut, driving along U.S. Route 1. It was hot as hell. The sun was scorching and my mind was idling along with the car. I was aiming for Yacht Haven where I had an appointment with a sailboat.

Pictures of people started intruding on my thoughts. For some reason I thought of a fighter I had known back in the 1950s, an Italian-Indian youngster Chico Vega—a top rated welterweight and later middleweight from 1950 through 1961—who had been born here in Stamford and was still living in the town.

The last time I had seen Chico was several years ago when, as Executive Director of United Cerebral Palsy of Westchester, he was staging a promotion.

He was handsome, dark eyes and dark hair, a guy who rarely smiled. There was good reason for him not to smile: he had lost his young son, Jimmy, to Cerebral Palsy.

Chico took time out from his activities to reminisce: "As a kid I hung around the streets. There was little to do and no place to go. We had a neighborhood hero, Freddie Yaeger, a pro in the middleweight class. One day he took me over to the gym. I thought I'd give it a try—and I was off. By the time I was in high school I had already piled up a load of semi-pro bouts. Actually, I wasn't really shaving by the time I was ready to become a pro."

The records show that Chico had 32 semi-pro fights before graduating from Stamford High, turning pro in 1950.

"You know," he continued, "I'll never forget my first fight. It was in September of 1948. A group of us went over to a fight club, and before I knew it I was tossed into a pair of trunks and set up for a three-rounder. When I climbed into the ring I was thinking of my father—'He'll murder me if he knows I'm fighting'. And so when the announcer asked me my name I gave him 'Chico Avalos,' which is the name I used until I became a pro." Using that name, Chico scored 31 victories in 32 fights.

"That first fight, the other guy and I each split a round and then I won the last round and the fight. When I got dressed some guy comes over and hands me $15.00—and I was on my way."

Chico graduated from Stamford High with a 92% average and went to New York University for two years where he spent most of his time in dramatics.

At age eighteen, Chico met sportscaster Steve Ellis, the man who would guide his ring destinies. Ellis, a boxing buff, had spent most of his adult life seeking a champion. He saw one in Vejar. Ellis was later to tell me, "I had a good feeling the first time I saw Chico. He was entirely different from all the other fighters I had known, a real smart kid who could learn fast. He looked hungry, and as everyone knows, a hungry fighter is the best kind."

Ellis hired Charley Goldman (trainer for many greats, including Rocky Marciano) to teach the kid the right moves and smooth off the rough edges.

After they went through some preliminary training, Chico remembers Charley taking off his derby, laying it down on the ring apron and climbing into the ring with him at the old CYO gym in New York. Then it happened: zip, zip, bang—three right crosses followed by four light left leads.

"I'll never forget those punches," says Chico. "Boy am I glad Charley was sixty years old at the time."

In the spring of 1950 Charley took his ever present cigar out of his mouth and with a pat of his derby stated: "The kid is ready!"

Freddie Brown was added as an assistant trainer and cornerman and Nat Foreman was added as another trainer, secretary and valet. The entourage was formed and Ellis aimed for a world title.

Vejar fought 32 times before suffering his first defeat—at the hands of Eddie Compo in 1951. Then he was off again with wins over Terry Young, Enrique Bolanos, and Fritzie Pruden, among others.

Next came his big chance, Chuck Davey. But Chico took two bad pastings from the Michigan State southpaw. Chico thinks back on those days. "Davey was a better fighter on those two nights and his portside style confused me. Also, it isn't true what they say about the way to beat a southpaw is to throw right hands. It didn't work."

In 1953, Chico became a private in the army and was stationed at Fort Bennings, Georgia. He continued to fight, moving back up the ladder until he suffered a broken jaw in a plane crash a few miles from the post in 1954, something no fighter had been able to accomplish.

He climbed out of the wreckage, out of the army, and went back into ring combat. All in all, he appeared on television some 26 times, becoming one of the first TV idols. He had his ups and downs—winning some and losing some—and never quite making it to the top of the mountain. He held two wins over an aging Billy Graham, a draw with light heavy Bob Murphy, and fought all comers—stars and stiffs alike. He faced Kid Gavilan, Joey Giardello, and Gene Fullmer, among others, always in search of the "Holy Grail". But he never made it. Then he fought Wilf Greaves in New York. It was a winning effort, but Chico knew it was the right time to hang up his gloves. the year was 1961. He had relied on his speed to maneuver an opponent into position for his powerful combinations. Now the speed was gone and so was the power.

He left behind a legacy of raw courage and stamina over 117 fights, with 43 knockouts and only 20 losses.

He once said that a college man should not be superstitious. But he never went into a ring without a new pair of shoe laces. Today, Chico Vejar is still a resident of Stamford and has a new fight on his hands—the fight to conquer Cerebral Palsy. For that he needs more than a shoestring. ■

VETERAN BOXERS' BEAT

This column received an interesting letter from a reader, Dick Whittington, who informs me that he is an avid reader of the Veteran Boxers' Beat. As a former boxer, he is a member of the "Northern Ireland Ex-Boxers Association," which, he tells me, was formed in 1971 with an initial membership of 60 and is now becoming a viable force among veteran organizations. The chairman is Billy Warnock, president is Barney Ross, and secretary is Jackie Briers. Contact at 9 Benview Drive, Belfast. It's interesting to learn that Rinty Monaghan, the former flyweight champion of the world, is in excellent health and performs at all the pubs and taverns with a cabaret act and is still in fine voice. When Rinty is introduced at the local arena before a boxing show, the ex-champion always obliges with a song. Billy Kelly, who gave the great French boxing champion Ray Famechon a royal battle, is a great favorite among the veteran boxers and attends all the boxing shows. Sorry to learn that Jimmy Warnock, who twice fought the late Benny Lynch, is in a hospital for treatments with a psychotherapist. John Caldwell is a cab driver in Belfast, while Paddy Maguire and Freddy Gilroy are coaching at local boxing clubs. The ex-boxers are still talking about the visit of former two-time heavyweight champion of the world Floyd Patterson, who, with his team of boxers from New Jersey, fought a Northern Ireland representative team. It's always a pleasure to hear from readers and my thanks again to Dick Whittington, a trainer at the Patricia Boxing Club, 10 Fountain Court, Downpatrick, County Down, Northern Ireland . . . .

Jack A. Tree, Streitstrasse 55, 1 Berlin 20, West Germany, boxing correspondent for *The Ring* Magazine and a well known European boxing writer, sent me the following items of interest. Reidel Vogt, who was born on a farm near Hamburg on January 26, 1913, had 200 amateur fights, culminating with a silver medal at the 1936 Olympic Games, losing narrowly on points to Frenchman Pierre Michelot. He also represented Germany on 30 occasions in international boxing matches. As a pro, he had 72 bouts, winning 55 and drawing 9. On Feb. 1, 1952, Vogt lost by decision to Omelio Agramonte of Cuba, a fighter who had stayed the full course with world heavyweight champion Joe Louis. Max Schmeling ended his career when he fought Vogt on October 31, 1948, in Berlin before a crowd of 18,000, losing on points over ten rounds . . . .

Gerhard Hecht, born in Berlin on March 16, 1923, was in the military during World War II. He was repatriated from a prisoner-of-war camp in 1947. Hecht had an exciting contest with Sugar Ray Robinson in Berlin on June 24, 1951, when Jack Tree hosted the famed late Nat Fleischer, the founder and publisher of *Ring* Magazine. They both had to take cover under the boxing ring when a near riot exploded among the 18,000 crowd after Sugar Ray was disqualified for foul punching. The Boxing Commission later reversed the verdict. Hecht later won the European light heavyweight title, beating Frenchman Jacques Hairabedian on April 9, 1954. Hecht now represents a well known brewery in Berlin and lives at Wittensteiner Weg 29, 1 Berlin 20 . . . .

If visiting Hamburg, West Germany, why not make a visit to The Golden Gloves restaurant, which is owned by a former fistic great, Hervert Nurnberg. He fought 74 bouts, winning 51 (26 knockouts), and drawing 18. He is now a well known boxing referee and his restaurant is a meeting place for the boxing fraternity. Contact Hamburger Berg 2, 2000, Hamburg 4. He would be delighted to hear from old friends . . . .

Former German welterweight champion Gustav Eder, who was a Xmas baby in 1907, reigned from 1930 to 1949, 19-years as champion. He owns a restaurant in Berlin and can be found at Schluter Strasse 47, 1 Berlin Charlottenberg . . . .

An old friend, promoter Fritz Gretzchel, who did so much for German boxing and who promoted the Emel Demke match with your writer in the Olympic Stadium, Berlin, 30 years ago, is, I am sorry to learn, in poor health. He has bought a hotel in Spain and resides there now. His last boxing endeavor was in London — the August vs. Dunn European heavyweight title match . . . .

— Harry Warren

CHICO VEJAR'S RING RECORD
(1950-1961)

Born: Sept. 5, 1931. **Height:** 5'8½"
Weight: 152.

Summary

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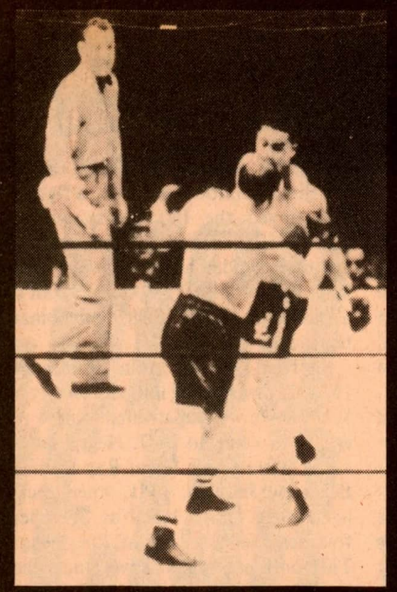
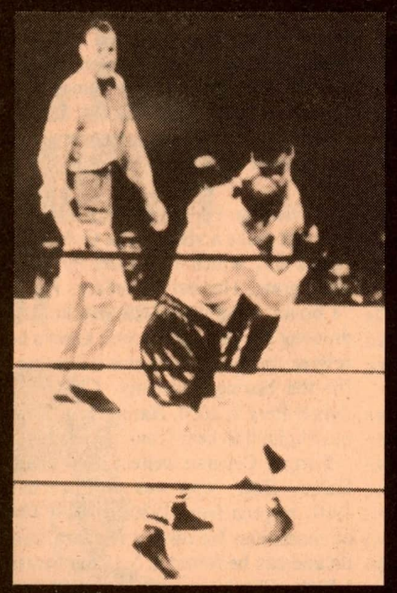
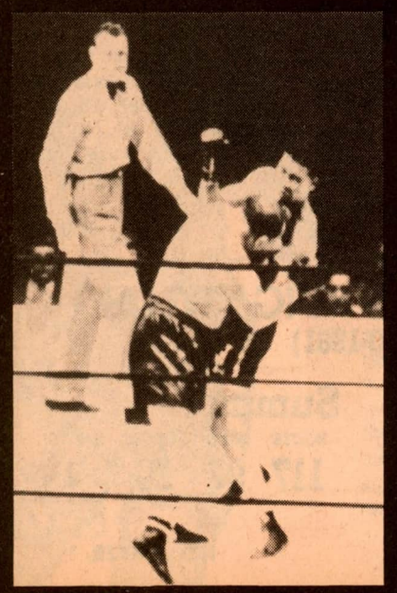


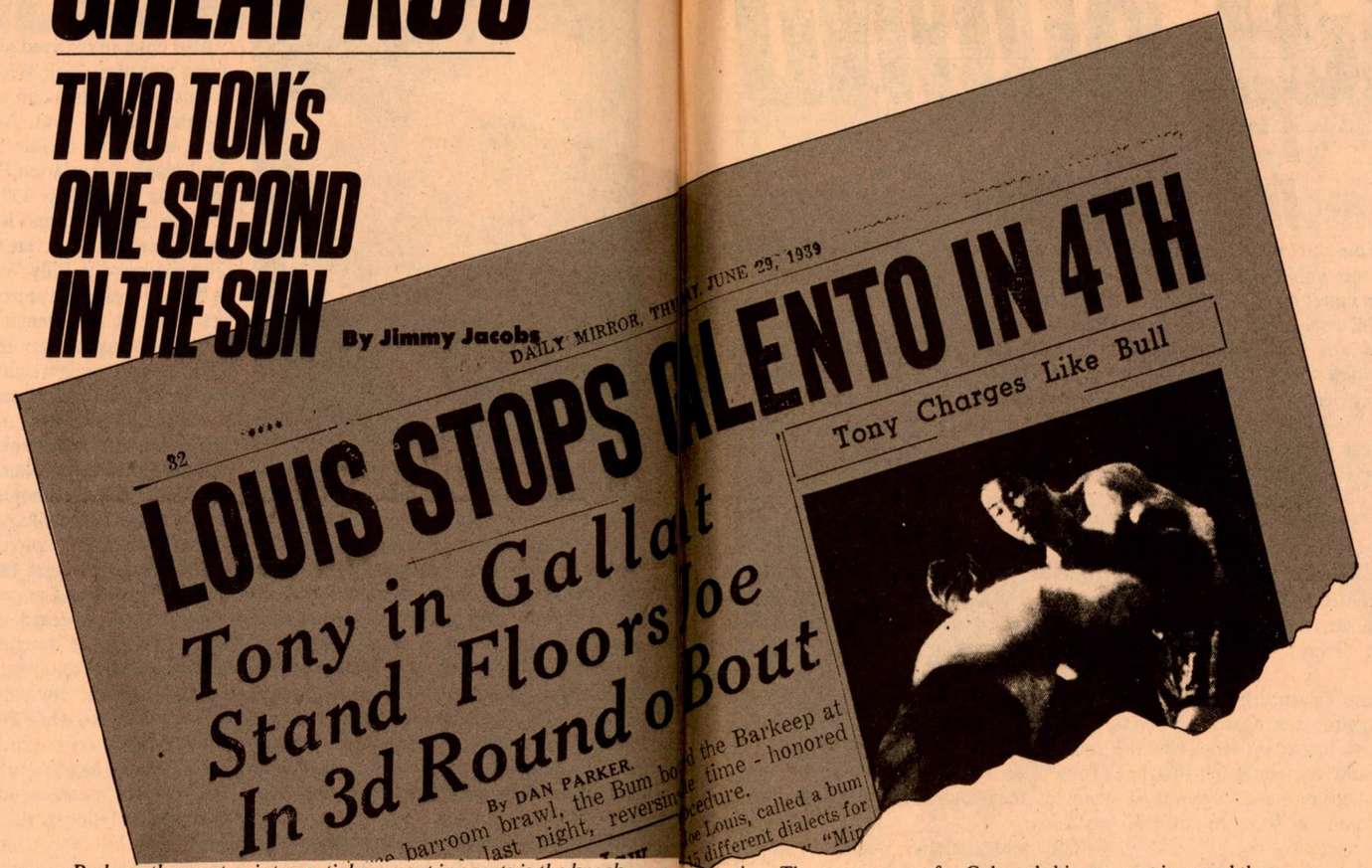




GREAT KO's

TWO TON's ONE SECOND IN THE SUN

By Jimmy Jacobs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LOUIS STOPS GALENTO IN 4TH

Tony in Gallant Stand Floors Joe In 3d Round of Bout

Tony Charges Like Bull

By DAN PARKER.

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Perhaps the most quintessential moment in sports is the knockout. No home run, touchdown or basket can compare. And, when captured on film, the knockout becomes all the more exciting, a graphic moment to be seen and re-seen.

Jimmy Jacobs, boxing's film curator and owner of thousands of those precious moments, has selected some of the greatest moments in boxing for the readers of Ring *magazine. Each month we will show, in a sort of freeze-frame stop action, that magic moment when glove hits man and man hits floor, including Marciano-Walcott, Zale-Graziano, Patterson-Johansson, Dempsey-Tunney and many, many more.*

As the start of our series, we bring you the knockdown of Joe Louis by "Two Ton" Tony Galento.

And, although, by classic definition the Louis-Galento fight is not *a Great KO, as the series title would suggest, it is one of boxing's most unforgettable seconds — or, more accurately, second — made all the more topical by the recent passing of Tony (see "Last Round").*

"I'll moider da bum" was Tony Galento's prediction of the result of his June 19, 1939 title fight with Joe Louis in Yankee Stadium. Louis was anything but a bum, and Tony never came close to committing homicide; but it still stands as one of boxing's classic moments.

Although Louis stated after the bout that Galento had hit him with "a better punch in the first round," it was the third-round knockdown of the Bomber that gave the bout its most memorable moment. Joe had given Tony a terrific beating in the second round, knocking out his mouthpiece with an uppercut and bloodying his nose with a left hook. A fusillade of blows then knocked Tony into a corner, and when he came out Louis knocked him down for a two-count with a right-left combination. The stage was set for Galento's big moment in round three.

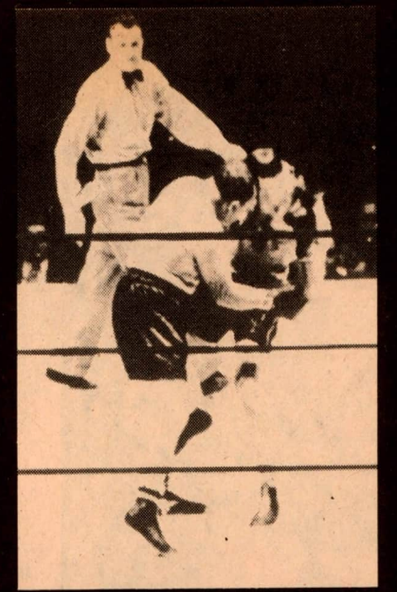
When Tony came out of his corner he was badly battered; there were gauze patches over his eyes. Louis knocked his head back with a left and Tony sought to counter, but missed badly. While Louis was looking for a spot to land a knockout punch, Galento rushed and pushed him to the ropes. Referee Arthur Donovan separated them, and Louis set himself to throw a right. He never got a chance to let it go, however, as the camera shows.

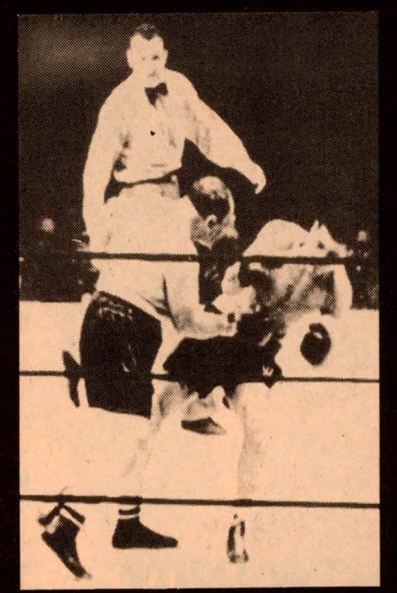
A Galento left to the head caught Joe off balance and sent him to the canvas for a one-count. Joe jumped up at once and ran into another left that shook him. Tony tried to follow up, but Joe held on for a few seconds till his head cleared. Again, Galento backed Louis to the ropes, but Joe landed a hard left to the face. Tony missed a left and Louis countered with a left hook of his own. Galento then backed Louis into a corner and pounded him with lefts and rights. The session ended with both fighters throwing punches — a great action round.

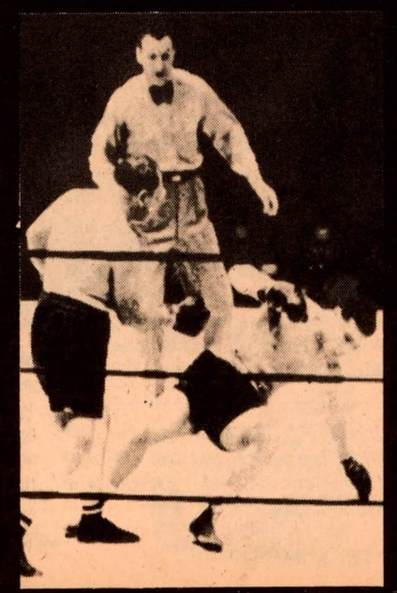
The fourth round was rather anti-climactic. Louis caught Galento with a hard right to the cheek and battered him unmercifully on the ropes. A final smash to Tony's jaw caused him to slide away from Joe and sink to the canvas. The fight was over at 2:29 of the fourth round.

What did Louis' trainer, the great Jack Blackburn, think of the knockdown? "Chappie should have taken a nine-count," said the former great lightweight star. "I try to tell him that, but he won't listen. These young fellows like to show everybody they're not hurt."

Galento fought on until 1944, and, although knockout losses to the Baer brothers finished him as a top contender, he never failed to give even the most vociferous fight fan his money's worth. Until the day he died, he continued to believe that, had they fought again, he "coulda moidered the bum." ■







LAST ROUND

TWO-TON TONY GALENTO

By JERRY IZENBERG

He was in Beth Israel Hospital in Newark and they already had told him that the leg would have to come off and Tony Galento cursed and shouted and said it was never going to happen as long as he could ball that short, stubby hand into a fist. Then he retreated into total silence and that was even worse as far as the doctors were concerned.

So Willie Gilzenberg, who is gone now, too, called a guy and told him: "Dig that picture of Joe Louis on his butt out of your files . . . the one with Galento standing over him . . . and meet me at the hospital."

And when Gilzenberg walked into the hospital room, it was as though the last two dinosaurs had come together to freeze the calendar for a moment . . . Galento, whose arms were too short and whose belly was too big to ever be a quality fighter except for the fact that nobody really ever got the message across . . . Gilzenberg, the master promoter and manager who stole the welterweight title for Freddy Cochrane; who once stood Frankie Carbo on his ear when Carbo wanted to apply the muscle and steal a fighter; and who took over Galento when Tony had turned to wrestling.

Galento, whom Gilzenberg had conned into matches against a kangaroo, a bear and a live octopus, looked up with a flicker of recognition and you could tell that he knew why Gilly had come and there was no way in hell the man was going to talk him out of his leg — doctors or not.

"Hey, Gilly, they really got me this time," he said.

"You gonna be a dog?" Gilzenberg asked. A decade earlier he had suffered a stroke and he walked stifflegged but he never missed a day of work from then until his death. "You gonna quit on yourself?"

Then he thumbtacked the picture to the wall. "Miss," Gilzenberg said to the nurse. "You see that guy on the floor. That's Joe Louis. You know who put him there?" That guy in the bed. Naw, not the guy in the bed. He's just quit."

"Listen, Gilly, what kinda crap is that? You know I hit the sonuvabitch good and if you was my manager then I woulda kept him on the floor. I'da been a champ."

Three days later they took the leg. And then Galento fought. He took an artificial limb and he learned how to use it. But in the end, diabetes was too much.

But he left something behind. He was, in his way, a free spirit, and if the horizons were narrow, at least they were genuine.

He drank beer as fast as the breweries could make it and he was as round as he was wide. And when he would weigh in for the main events in Jersey, a man named John Donnelly would peer over his glasses at the slide on the big Fairbanks scale, and while he was so occupied, Galento would take his left hand and lean against the metal siding, taking a good 20 pounds off the registered weight. John Donnelly would sigh and say, "Damn, it sure looked like it ought to be 249 but it's only 220."

He ran at night ("I fight at night so I run at night"), faithfully leaving the bar and going directly to work. He fought every tough fighter that Louis and every other contender ducked — and beat most of them. Short arms pumping, belly thrust forward, he had a left hook with a will of its own. The night he dropped Louis before being knocked out himself, he dug a hook into the champion with such force that both of Louis' feet left the ground.

The stories, of course, are legend. But one man's favorite goes back to the time the New York Commission insisted that Tony clean up his act. "Go to a training camp," they told him. "No beer. Drink milk."

They told him they would not let him fight in the Garden if he declined, so he signed on at a place in Summit called Ehsan's and the first day there he did his road work, came back, spotted a dairy down the road and drank eight quarts of milk.

"Sonuvabitch," he told a man years later, "I get a damned chill and I got lobar pneumonia and I get myself out of the fight and into the hospital. Training camps," he said with disgust. "Milk. What crap. I went back to doing it my way."

"But I wasn't lucky. Joe Jacobs, my manager, he was trying to Louis again, so he signs for a Max Baer fight. I don't want to fight Baer but Jacobs tells me, look, we take the advance and then we get sick and we back out and if they want to get the money out of us, they got to give us Louis.

"So I don't train and I'm having fun and I think about how I'm going to get sick for Baer and what does that lousy Joe Jacobs do to me? He goes and dies on me and I got to go through with the fight 'cause I don't know how to duck it.

"Geez," he said, "if you can't trust your manager, who can you trust?"

It is said too often, but this time it is so. His death does, indeed, end an era. ■

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